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Rifkind about-turn in battle on 'overstretch'



More manpower in his sights: Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, testing an SA80 infantry rifle, flanked by badges of the four regiments reprieved by his decision

Frontline champagne toast

By Michael Evans and Sheila Gunn

A critical Commons report on defence cuts has been pre-empted by a government about-turn that provides extra soldiers at a time of increased British commitment in trouble-spots

MALCOLM Rifkind, the defence secretary, announced a retreat over army manpower cuts yesterday, saving four regiments from amalgamation and providing an extra 5,000 men for frontline roles.

The surprise decision, to meet growing military commitments, defused a political timebomb. The Commons defence committee will next week publish a report complaining that the army cuts in the government's *Options for Change* programme were too deep.

The policy switch, which Mr Rifkind described as a small but sensible adjustment, was forced on the government after complaints of an army overstretched by the deployment of 2,400 troops to Bosnia-Herzegovina and an increased commitment in Northern Ireland.

The extra manpower will cost £80 million a year, one third of one per cent of the £24 billion defence budget. The money will have to come out of a budget facing Treasury cuts, which were announced in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement, of £1.05 billion in the next two years.

Mr Rifkind has been presented with a list of equipment cuts in all three armed services by officials carrying out the annual long-term costings. The recommendations include fewer warships and submarines, Challenger tanks and proposed attack helicopters.

One of the reprieved regiments is The Cheshire Regiment, which has been escorting humanitarian convoys in Bosnia since November. The Cheshires were due to amalgamate with The Staffordshire Regiment in September and some of the officers serving in Bosnia were due to receive compulsory redundancy notices at the end of this month.

They greeted the news of their reprieve with a burst of applause. Lieutenant Colonel Bob Stewart, the Cheshires' commander, was told of the decision after a flying visit to Split in Croatia by General Sir John Waters, commander-in-chief of United Kingdom Land Forces.

Last night Lt Col Stewart said: "We're absolutely thrilled to bits. We're drinking the last drop of champagne in Bosnia.



We thought that after 304 years the regiment was going to be scrapped."

The two other regiments saved from merger are The Royal Scots and The King's Own Scottish Borderers. They were due to amalgamate in October next year. The two regiments had already chosen a new regimental tartan and had appointed a commanding officer for the merged battalion.

Mr Rifkind said the *Options* programme's effect on the army had been under review for some time. A senior defence ministry source said that there had been active consideration for six months, the time when it was announced that troops would be sent to Bosnia.

Sir Nicholas Bonsor, chairman of the Commons defence committee, welcomed the change. He said: "The UN peacekeeping and humanitarian role is here to stay. It is not just a one-off. There are 72 acknowledged flashpoints around the world where we have to be on stand-by to play our full role as a member of the UN Security Council."

David Clark, the shadow defence secretary, accused the government of resorting to panic measures. Bruce George, Labour MP for Walsall South and a member of the defence committee, said that it was obvious 18 months ago that a change was needed.

Charles Goodson-Wickes, Conservative MP for Wimbledon and the most recent serving officer in the Commons, said: "It is a U-turn which I welcome. At long last Mr Rifkind has admitted that the mathematics of *Options for Change* were wrong."

Until now ministers have claimed that the additional commitment in Bosnia could be covered without having to change *Options*, under which the army is to be reduced from 156,000 to 116,000 and infantry battalions from 55 to

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Major willing to raise rates to save pound

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Wood

THE government last night signalled its readiness to raise interest rates as sterling plunged to a new low and threatened a fresh economic crisis.

A week after cutting rates to 6 per cent, their lowest for 15 years, Downing Street and the Treasury tried to convince the sceptical money markets that the government has not staked all on a dash for growth.

Whitehall officials insisted that the government had a coherent economic strategy and that if its critical inflation objectives were compromised and the pound continued to fall John Major would sanction an interest rate rise.

Beset by industrial problems, and a new European Commission forecast suggesting that unemployment would rise through this year and 1994 towards four million, ministers were fighting on several fronts to counter the impression of drift. The one ray of light was the prediction from the same report that the British economy would be growing at twice the EC average next year.

A keynote speech by the prime minister last night setting out his vision for the Conservative party in the Nineties was overshadowed by news of the climbdown on cuts in the army, the political fallout from the Leyland DAF collapse and the government's desperate efforts to calm the markets.

Dealers refused to believe government assertions that it was not about to embark on a further round of interest rate reductions to boost the economy. The City's expectation of cheaper money pushed shares to a record high and sent the pound tumbling to its lowest level against the German mark and many other international currencies.

Mr Major, faced with the grim choice of letting sterling sink further or executing a dramatic U-turn on interest rates, instructed officials to emphasise that the government would give "full weight" to the exchange rate in charting economic policy.

As sterling slumped to another set of record lows help appeared to be at hand from an unexpected source as speculation grew that the Bundesbank would today signal lower interest rates to help bail out the increasingly fragile exchange-rate mechanism.

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Britain left out in the cold as Dutch bail out DAF

By Tom Walker and Martin Waller

THE Dutch and Belgian governments are preparing to bail out DAF, the cash-strapped Anglo-Dutch lorry maker, but have refused to invest in Leyland DAF, the UK operation, which eventually could disappear.

Dutch industry sources said that their industry minister was asked if Britain would be interested in a joint bail-out operation. The source said: "He told us he didn't even try. The British are just not interested in doing this sort of thing any more." In London, the trade and industry department said it was not invited to the emergency talks.

As a result, the Belgian and Dutch governments are prepared to spend about 310 million guilders (£120 million) in underwriting loans to guarantee 5,000 jobs in Eindhoven and 1,147 jobs at Westerlo, northern Belgium. A new unlisted company will cease van production altogether and concentrate on its lorry business on the Continent, leaving the British side out in the cold.

About 2,000 jobs would almost certainly go immediately in Birmingham, out of a total British workforce of 5,500, and the first casualty of the planned reorganisation would be the former Sherpa van factory in Birmingham. Dutch and Belgian banks have said that a joint venture with Renault to build a replacement van should be scrapped and the re-formed DAF company is prepared to spend about £21 million compensating Renault for pulling out of the project.

Design work on the £450 million project is almost complete, each partner having spent up to £100 million. A total of £100 million was to be spent upgrading the Washwood Heath site in Birmingham. Most of the other 3,000 DAF jobs in Britain would be saved for now, but the long-term prospects for the British division of the company are bleak, industry observers believe. The Dutch and Belgian governments say they are dismayed at what they see as the unwillingness of the British government to help British banks to contribute to the rescue plan and will put their own taxpayers' money into the new venture only on the condition that it is not used to save British jobs.

Last night, John Major handed the government's task



Heseltine: under heavy pressure to help

of trying to save some of the 5,500 Leyland Daf jobs to Michael Heseltine, who came under heavy pressure to offer financial aid to the stricken company.

Koos Andriessen, the Dutch economics minister, said he was confident that a slimmed-down DAF company would be able to carry on making lorries. The plans

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German cuts threaten Euro fighter project

From Patrick Moser in Bonn

GERMANY'S defence minister, Volker Rühe, stunned the military establishment yesterday when he announced the suspension of all new weapons acquisitions in a DM860 million (£364 million) defence budget cut.

The cutback could affect German participation in the controversial Eurofighter project being jointly developed by Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain, which Bonn came close to abandoning last year.

Defence sources said last night that Germany might seek to buy fewer than the 140 planes Bonn said it was intending to purchase. Any reduction in German participation in the project could damage the British aircraft industry; its continued viability depends on this last remaining military aircraft project.

The partners in the European Fighter Aircraft project agreed in December, as a result of German pressure, to lower the unit price from DM135 million to about DM90 million. Herr Rühe said yesterday that Germany would no longer be able to afford to develop the Lapas spy planes with America because of the latest cutbacks.

IRA plants bomb on train

By Ian Murray

TWO small bombs planted by the Provisional IRA brought widespread disruption to London rail and Underground services yesterday.

One bomb was planted aboard a Kent coast line service from Victoria just after the morning rush hour and the other on a platform at South Kensington underground station in mid-afternoon. There were no casualties.

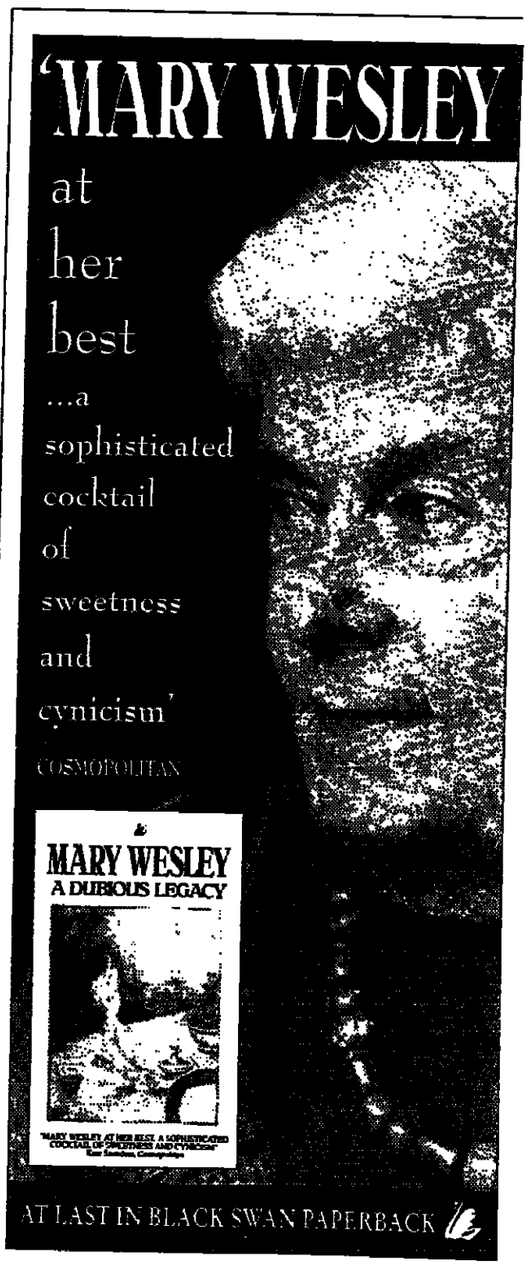
Minutes before the train left Victoria a man with a soft Irish accent claiming to represent the IRA warned that a time bomb was aboard but police had no time to stop it before it left the station. It was nearly a quarter of an hour before the warning was passed to Network SouthEast, who managed to stop the train at Kent House station, Beckenham, where the 70 passengers were ordered to get off and run for safety. A similar warning in the afternoon gave London Underground staff just enough time to clear the passageways at South Kensington before the bomb exploded at 3.29 pm.

Late in the afternoon hoax bomb warnings closed Bank station in the heart of the City. The platforms had to be evacuated and long stretches of six lines were shut, stranding tens of thousands of commuters trying to get home.

The train was the 9:05 Victoria to Ramsgate service. Police alerted Network SouthEast at 9:18 but there was no way of warning the driver of trouble because his train had no direct telephone link. The bomb exploded in the station half an hour later at 9:49. Many of the passengers disappeared before being interviewed by the police, who later issued an urgent appeal for them to come forward.

The IRA has never put a bomb on a train in mainland Britain before. One theory is that they did this because the removal of litter bins from stations has made it more difficult to hide a device there.

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Tory rapid reaction force executes a swift retreat

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Terry Dicks, the maverick Tory MP, has arrived in Britain with a pump-action shotgun purchased in Calais and smuggled into Dover. Mr Dicks wants to prove that we still need frontiers. He may care to donate the shotgun to The King's Own Scottish Borderers who, we learnt yesterday, are not to be abolished.

There are limits to a Tory MP's appetite for spending cuts. Nothing better illustrates that than proposals for defence cuts. Try monkeying around with ancient regiments, for instance. Suddenly Conservative backbenchers are on their feet. Accountants scuttle as Tories fumble for language that Labour MPs reserve for threatened pits: "Unquantifiable human costs, threatened communities, proud traditions . . ."

There are limits to a Labour MP's enthusiasm for reductions to our armed forces. Nothing better illustrates that than proposals to make soldiers in his own constituency redundant. Suddenly, a regiment ceases to be a war machine and becomes a valued employer. Up jump the Opposition benches, beating ploughshares into swords and fumbling for the vocabulary they have heard Tories deploy: "policing the world order", "Britain's international responsibilities".

A government minister's enthusiasm for reorganising his empire is not limitless. Nothing better illustrates that than when proposals turn out to anger colleagues on whose support his career depends. Suddenly the most cerebral of strategists finds himself hastily scrambling the plans he had made. Out goes the paragraph on matching commitments to resources, in comes a footnote on matching resources to commitments. He fumbles for the phrases about "leeway", "flexibility" and "sensible adjustment" he has been wont to despise in intellectual inferiors. Thus it was that Malcolm Rifkind, the stooped and donnish defence minister, found himself yesterday stiffening the sinews, imitating the action of a tiger, and bounding backwards in energetic retreat from army cuts he once called far-sighted, while socialists murmured approval of a reprieved imperial role, and Conservatives roared their support for a state rescue scheme.

Was a single Tory voice yesterday suggesting that if troops were "overstretched" then we might have to involve ourselves in fewer conflicts? Where were the phrases which (when social security spending is under discussion) Tory MPs love: "cutting your coat according to your cloth", "not spending money we haven't got"? Where was that curtsey to the "hard-pressed taxpayer"? Did anyone ask, "but where is the money going to come from"?

No. "Congratulations," said Roger Knapman (C, Stroud); "great rejoicing in Stafford," Bill Cash (C, Stafford) told us; "most warmly welcomed," Winston Churchill (C, Davyhulme) added: "thoroughly sound common sense," said Surgeon Captain Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes (C, Wimbledon). Nicholas Winterton (C, Macclesfield) had "quite by chance, just had a lunch engagement with Major General Peter Martin". Both diners "warmly welcomed" the decision.

But it was Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith (C, Wealden) who summed it up. "Rapid reaction forces," he told MPs, "are the single most important component of our defence structure".

We reflected that Malcolm Rifkind's reaction had been rapid indeed. There's nothing rapider than the reaction of a shrewd Tory minister to a brewing backbench revolt.

Major puts work-for-dole scheme on Tory agenda

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND PHILIP WEBSTER

PLANS to make people work for their welfare benefits, a fundamental rethink of public spending and toll charges for using some of Britain's roads were put on the political agenda by John Major last night as he charted Conservative philosophy for the 1990s.

The prime minister, in a keynote speech at the Carlton Club, embraced the controversial American system of workfare for the first time and promised new measures to tackle juvenile crime, a reform of the teacher training system and help for first-time buyers to complete the Tory housing revolution.

Mr Major said he increasingly wondered whether "paying unemployent benefit, without offering or requiring any activity in return, serves unemployed people or society well".

He added: "Of course, we have to make sure that any conditions imposed improve the job prospects of unemployed people and give good value to the country. But we have already introduced this principle, for example through Restart, in a limited sense for the long-term unemployed. I believe we should explore ways of extending it further."

In a sign that the projected £44 billion public sector borrowing requirement is causing grave concern in Whitehall, Mr Major renewed his commitment to "sound public finance".

The prime minister foreshadowed the expected green paper on toll roads when he said he wanted to investigate "still more radical ways of financing a better road network". It is understood John MacGregor, the transport secretary, will float the idea of putting electronic tolls on existing motorways and other major routes as a way of raising capital for investment in roads.

On juvenile crime, Mr Major said the government would take new powers to "take persistent young offenders off the streets and into secure accommodation where they can be taught and trained for a useful future". Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, would soon announce proposals on reforming the police and handling young offenders.

Mr Major said he wanted more reforms of primary schools "to sweep away the failed nostrums of the 1960s and 1970s". "And we need parallel reforms in teacher training to help good teachers do the job the country needs."

The prime minister's speech was designed as a riposte to critics inside and outside his party claiming that he lacked a clear vision of where he was leading his party and had run out of ideas for reform.

He said the four cardinal principles of his government were choice, ownership, responsibility and opportunity for all. It was concerned with improving the prospects of all sections of society and it was imbued with "wariness of the danger of over-government".

"Our task in the 1990s is to widen the road to success so that achievers are no longer remarkable exceptions, but a natural part of the rich diversity of our nation."

Leyland waits and worries

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THERE was little sign in Leyland yesterday of the seventies boom town, when it was synonymous with the best commercial vehicles and more than 12,000 people worked in its truck factory.

For most of the day, the 2,300 it now employs saw a future only as long as this week as rumours circulated that there might be no pay on Friday and no jobs by Monday.

Fears grew when the security contractors were sacked at the receiver's instigation and replaced with a company recruited by the accountants. It was only after a late-afternoon meeting with a representative of Arthur Andersen, the receivers, that shop stewards could announce that the money would come. It might, perhaps, be a couple of days late, but there were no immediate plans for a shutdown.

"It gives us a little breathing space at least," said Derek Bullen, chairman of the joint works committee. "We have got to work now to save this business and our jobs."

The business was formed in 1896 as the Lancashire Steam Motor Company, a partnership between a blacksmith and agricultural engineers.

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SIMON WALKER



Dick Spring: made overtures to Unionist politicians



Sir Patrick: call for early return to negotiations

Spring takes fresh approach to talks

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DICK Spring, the new Irish foreign affairs minister, signalled a fresh approach to talks on the political future of Northern Ireland yesterday by indicating that Dublin might be willing to abandon its constitutional claim to the province.

Taking a more open stance than his predecessor, the Labour minister in the new coalition government made clear his willingness for articles two and three of the Irish constitution, which encompass Ireland's claim to the province, to form part of the inter-governmental talks.

Irish ministers have steered clear of publicly committing themselves to abandoning the claim to the province, which has been a key stumbling block of progress in the talks.

Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Ulster Unionists, recently repeated his demand for a referendum into the constitutional change. The Irish government is, however, understandably reluctant to hold a referendum if there is any chance of voters rejecting the change, provoking new waves of terrorist violence.

With growing impatience on both sides of the border over the violence, a change in the Irish constitution appears more likely to be acceptable in Dublin so long as it was part of a constitutional deal on the future administration of the province.

At a press conference after his meeting in London with the Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland minister, Mr Spring said: "I have said we are prepared to look at everything. I believe constitutional change will be necessary but at this point in time we should get back to the talks and have an exchange of views in relation to all matters."

He also made overtures to Ulster Unionist politicians to meet him and, with Sir Patrick, called for an early return to the negotiating table. "If there are matters which the Unionist leadership feel cause difficulty for them, I would only be too willing to sit down and listen to their difficulties," Mr Spring said. "I think it would be much better if we can do that together face-to-face."

Sir Patrick, clearly encouraged by Mr Spring's approach to the talks, which were called off last November, said their four-hour meeting was characterised by "openness, frankness and realism".

In spite of their different political allegiances, the Northern Ireland secretary eagerly grasped the opportunity of a new approach to the talks and encouraged the leaders of the constitutional parties in the north to accept Mr Spring's invititation. "I believe that the public hope that they will, because the public see great advantage in talking."

A joint statement issued by Mr Spring and Sir Patrick urged that "every effort should be made to create conditions under which further talks, including both governments and all four Northern Ireland parties involved, could take place at an early date".

UK left in cold over DAF rescue

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emerged after eight hours of confidential talks yesterday at DAF's headquarters at Eindhoven, involving the Dutch administrators for the company and both Benelux governments.

Flemish sources said the key moment in the company's collapse came last week, when the Dutch bank ABN AMRO agreed with regional Flemish banks and the two governments that some sort of rescue could be put together. National Westminster, Lloyds and Barclays said they needed more time to study the company's options and at that stage the patience of the continental partners ran out. "The study was going to take about another three months and the company simply could not survive that long in whatever shape," one official said.

The British transport union attacked reports of the rescue deal, saying British workers' jobs were being sacrificed. Tony Woodley, TGWU national auto industry secretary, said: "British employees are being left to swing in the wind." He called on Mr Heseltine to act to safeguard British jobs at Leyland DAF or resign. The government should invest enough to give British workers the same chance as those in Belgium and The Netherlands.

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38 by early 1995. However, in recent weeks ministers have been seriously considering changing their minds.

The military advice was that the combination of Bosnia with Ulster, where two extra battalions sent on a short term basis early last year became a permanent addition, was causing too much strain. Battalions were having to return for duty in Ulster with a break of only 15 months instead of the recommended 24. Mr Rifkind said yesterday that 3,000 extra troops would be provided by reforming the two battalions and by adding more men to other battalions short of manpower. This would increase the interval between Ulster tours to 17 months. After *Options* had been fully implemented in 1995, the gap would be more than 24 months.

Dismissing any suggestion of a U-turn or of an attempt to pre-empt the defence committee's report, Mr Rifkind told MPs that he and Tom King, his predecessor and architect of *Options*, had always said the restructuring of the armed forces would be kept under review.

"The judgements made in *Options for Change* remain valid," he said. However, since 1991, there had been developments which had added significantly to the army's commitments at a time when the drawdown in force levels was causing disruption.

Regiments' engagement ends peacefully

BY BILL FROST

■ **Regiments fighting for survival against government defence cuts are celebrating a small victory but the war continues**

OFFICERS and men of the Cheshires serving in Bosnia last night celebrated their victory in averting an arranged marriage that had filled them with dread.

Like the other regiments spared amalgamation after the government's U-turn over defence cuts, they had mobilised medal- bedecked old soldiers and sympathetic MPs in the battle to outflank *Options for Change*. Protest marches were staged and letters were written to *The Times*.

Last December in the mess at Vitez — the Cheshires' headquarters in central Bosnia — one senior officer explained how the campaign had been organised. "We just maintained a high profile and continuously plugged the point that regimental tradition means a great deal. The message has now got through and I guarantee there will be a change of heart," he said confidently.

Yesterday, his prediction proved correct with the announcement in the Commons that the Cheshires and the Staffordshires were not to merge, and nor were the The Royal Scots and The King's Own Scottish Borderers. The four regiments had conducted perhaps their most successful peacetime campaign.

The fight against the accountants began in earnest the day the government's proposed cuts were announced by Tom King, defence secretary at the time. Sensing that regimental tradition and military efficiency were in jeopardy, service chiefs lobbied MPs and journalists.

Senior Conservative backbenchers were in the vanguard of the campaign. Having been briefed by the generals, they warned Mr King that his plans would prevent the army from fulfilling existing commitments.

As the campaign gathered momentum, senior officers put their heads above the parapet. Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan-Howard, Colonel of The Life Guards, urged the prime minister to "see sense" over the proposed merger of his regiment with The Blues and Royals. The marriage was very unwise, he said.

George Younger, a former defence secretary, added to the government's discomfort. He said the plan to cut the number of infantry battalions to 36 would render the army incapable of meeting its commitments.

Meanwhile old soldiers and their families redoubled their efforts to thwart the proposals. A "Save Our Regiments" group was formed.

A particularly enthusiastic though so far unsuccessful campaign was launched to save the Gloucestershire Regiment from merger. Veterans went on local and national radio to describe amalgamation proposals as the destruction of a "stirring chapter of British military history".

Meanwhile, the service chiefs had introduced a new battlefield weapon — "The Overstretch Factor". They argued that existing commitments across the world were placing strain on our forces. To suggest cuts was to court disaster and to merge regiments was to erode the cement of tradition that held the army together.

While the marches and protests over service cuts continued, it was perhaps the arrival of British troops in Bosnia that did most to prompt yesterday's U-turn by Malcolm Rifkind, the defence ssecretary.

The Cheshires — engaged in a high-profile and hazardous operation — spoke candidly of their unwillingness to merge with another regiment. "It is wrong, it hits morale badly. In fact the message to the government is that it's wrong to merge any regiment for that same reason," said one officer last December.

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CORRECTION

A report on the death in an air crash of Alexander Robertson, a travel agent who was a passenger in a Peruvian aircraft, wrongly stated that the pilot was inexperienced.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sun's lawyers ponder royal proceedings

Lawyers representing *The Sun* are awaiting clarification of legal proceedings begun against them by the Queen over the newspaper's advance publication of the text of her Christmas broadcast. Sir Matthew Farrer, the Queen's solicitor, wrote to Kelvin MacKenzie, editor of *The Sun*, on Tuesday demanding unspecified damages and costs over what was claimed to be a breach of Her Majesty's copyright.

Daniel Taylor, solicitor for News Group Newspapers, publishers of *The Sun*, said last night that the newspaper was still unsure what was being claimed by the Queen. The letter from Sir Matthew said the matter would proceed to court unless a settlement was agreed within seven days.

"We have not as yet been informed of the amount that is actually being claimed in terms of damages and costs, nor have we received full details of how the case is to be formulated. There is also the question of who is the actual author of the speech," Mr Taylor said.

Jews mourn victim

A community of orthodox Jews in London was coming to terms yesterday with the murder of one of its most popular members. More than a thousand mourners turned out for the funeral of Miriam Liebermann, 64, a mother of seven who was beaten to death in Stamford Hill, north London, by an intruder. An inquest, which was adjourned, was told that her body was discovered by her son-in-law on Monday night after she failed to turn up at a wedding. Police said there was no evidence of forced entry and she may have opened the door to her killer. The 2,500 orthodox Jewish families in the area are members of the Hasidic and Lubavich sects, and are normally wary of outsiders.

Legal aid plans opposed

Government proposals to curb eligibility for legal aid came under fire at a protest rally at the House of Commons attended by 500 people, including MPs, representatives of charities, voluntary organisations and church and consumer groups. More than 100 MPs were lobbied by solicitors and barristers from all over the country, with the backing of groups such as Age Concern, Shelter and the Consumers' Association, who fear that the proposals will disqualify up to 12 million people from legal aid.

Poulson dies aged 82

The architect John Poulson, who was jailed for corruption in 1974, has died in hospital at the age of 82. He was being treated for Parkinson's disease. Mr Poulson, of Pontefract, West Yorkshire, who once controlled the biggest architectural practice in Europe, served three years of a seven-year sentence, leaving prison in ill-ealth. Leeds Crown Court was told that he had offered bribes to councillors and local authority executives to secure lucrative contracts.

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Sacked pilots appeal

Dan-Air pilots who lost their jobs when their airline was taken over by British Airways are to take their case to an industrial tribunal in an attempt to increase their redundancy pay and obtain compensation for the loss of pension and the way the dismissals were handled. BA made 340 of the airline's 460 pilots redundant because they were not qualified to fly the company's Boeing 737s. They received lump-sum payments in lieu of notice together with the minimum redundancy pay of £205 a year.

Council plans £55m cut

Birmingham City Council is planning cuts of £55 million in what is thought to be the biggest round of cuts implemented by a local authority. The ruling Labour group yesterday vowed to maintain essential services even though it is expected that about 1,000 jobs will have to go from the council's 54,000 workforce. Budget plans and job cuts will be finalised in a few weeks. It was feared that 3,000 would lose their jobs as the council tries to stay within government spending limits and avoid rate-capping.

Magazine's regrets

The *New Statesman & Society* magazine tomorrow publishes the full text of a letter expressing regret about an article reporting unsubstantiated rumours of an affair between the prime minister and Clare Latimer. Steve Platt, editor of the magazine, said last night that he thought the prime minister's solicitors would wait until they had seen the magazine before replying to the letter, which appeals for a speedy conclusion to the libel actions.

Green inquest opened

An inquest into the death of Lady Green, the estranged wife of Sir Allan Green, the former director of public prosecutions, opened at Westminster Coroner's Court. A formal statement of identification by her son Robin Green was read out by Dr Paul Knapman, the coroner, before he adjourned the case until March 3.

Hard cheese for French

A cheese some 200 years past its sell-by date sold for £1,058 at Sotheby's in London yesterday, becoming the world's most expensive *fromage*. Brought to Britain from Tibet by a Victorian missionary more than 100 years ago, it was bought by the children's ITV programme *What's up Doc?*, whose bid saw off a Normandy cheese firm.

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Decision condemned as a whitewash

Clarke refuses to refer Bridgewater killing for second appeal

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE home secretary yesterday refused to refer the Carl Bridgewater murder case back to the Court of Appeal for a second review.

Kenneth Clarke's decision that there should not be another appeal stunned the families of the men convicted of murdering the newspaper delivery boy. They had been confident that new material casting doubt on a crucial confession would lead to a new hearing.

Mr Clarke said he had no doubt the convictions of the four were safe. He reached his decision after considering evidence submitted by a solicitor for the three surviving men and from Merseyside police, who carried out a fifth enquiry into the case.

He said that on the information available, it would not be justified in referring the case to the appeal court or in taking further action. James Nichol, solicitor for the men, said the decision was disgraceful. "This case is going to haunt Kenneth Clarke as long as he is home secretary," he said.

Carl Bridgewater, 13, died after being shot in the head with a sawn-off shotgun when he went to Yew Tree Farm, Stourbridge, West Midlands, and interrupted a burglary in 1978. Michael Hickey, 17 at the time, was ordered to be detained at Her Majesty's pleasure. His cousin, Vincent Hickey, of Redditch, and James Robinson, of Birmingham, were jailed for life at the trial at Stafford Crown Court in 1979. Patrick Molloy, who was convicted of manslaughter, died in prison in 1981.

An appeal in 1987 failed and the health of all three men has suffered since they were convicted. Michael Hickey, now 29, is in a psychiatric unit on Merseyside and his cousin Vincent, 38, is in a secure unit in the Midlands receiving psychiatric treatment.

The latest police enquiry centred on allegations that admissions by Mr Molloy in which he implicated the other three were fabricated and that he was ill-treated by police while in custody. Among new material submitted to the Home Office was testimony from four language specialists who concluded that the crucial confession by Mr Molloy was a fabrication.

One interviewing officer, the late detective constable John Perkins, was disciplined for fabricating the record of an interview in another case. But Mr Clarke said Molloy had never retracted his statement and that at his trial other police officers and prison officers gave evidence of admissions that he had made separately.

"Against this background, I have considered the submissions of language experts and a psychologist who have sought to draw conclusions from their analyses of the written evidence of Mr Molloy's admissions, but have found nothing in them which appears to touch the safety of his conviction," Mr Clarke said.

Ann Whelan, Michael Hickey's mother, said the decision was a whitewash. She pledged to continue the campaign to prove the men's innocence. "We are absolutely devastated and upset but the anger will keep us going," she said.

Robinson's wife, Theresa, said: "It is clear that we are up against the whole judicial system that feels it cannot afford another Birmingham Six or Guildford Four or Broadwater Farm, and we are suffering because of it."

The decision was criticised by Liberty, which joined Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, in demanding an independent system of investigation into miscarriages of justice. They said that without such a system there would continue to be doubt case on the fairness of Home Office procedures.



Carl Bridgewater: interrupted burglary



TONY WHITE

Warning move: PC Kevin Luckhurst, in protective gear, with a retired police dog taking part in an exercise yesterday to ensure that Kent could cope with a rabies alert. Dog-catching teams in protective garb patrolled north Kent, signs announcing rabies sprang up and the agriculture ministry declared an "infected area" in Rochester, Dartford, Gillingham, Gravesend and Maidstone (Michael Hornsby writes). The county council ran Exercise Rover to test local authorities' ability to deal with a rabies outbreak. It is feared that freer movement between EC countries increases the risk of rabid animals being smuggled into Britain. In a real emergency, the ministry would distribute warning leaflets, order vaccination of pets and restrict movement of livestock. Police would shoot animals thought infected.

Girl raped by three youths still lives in fear

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A GIRL aged 13 raped by three youths was unable to live at home with her family because of the abuse relatives received after she had reported her ordeal to the police, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday. She was still racked by fear a year later.

As her three teenage attackers were all convicted of rape and remanded in custody for reports, Judge Nina Lowry called for a halt to the hostility. "One now hopes the locality sees some sense and channels their feelings in the appropriate direction," she said.

Det Constable Brian Thomas told the court that the girl's experience had a traumatic effect on her family. She ran away from home last October just before the case was first due to be heard at the Old Bailey. "Her mother was very concerned about the outcome of the hearing — either way — as her daughter still lives in fear. The victim is not living at home now because of ill feeling in the community," he said.

Constable Thomas said the girl had received counselling but "it is a going to take a long time".

The three youths, aged 15, 16 and 19, "took sexual advantage of the girl", Ian Paton, for the prosecution, told the court. The rapes took place on three separate occasions at the 19-year-old's south London home. Their victim was vulnerable and her resistance, independence and self-respect was eroded, the court was told.

She did not tell her mother at first about what had happened because she was too frightened of her attackers. The youths, who cannot be named for legal reasons, had denied the charges.

Judge Lowry ordered the youngest to be remanded to the care of the local authority and the other two were remanded in custody.

Outside court, Constable Thomas paid tribute to the girl and the courageous example she had set. "That a 13-year-old should come here and give evidence against all the odds after three people attacked her should tell any woman they should come forward," he said.

Thousands of faulty Skodas not recalled

BY NICHOLAS WATT

THOUSANDS of Skoda cars are at risk from a potentially fatal flaw that has already led to a series of accidents, *Which?* says today. The Consumers' Association publication claims that in the past five years rear wheels have suddenly dropped off at least eight Skoda cars.

Which? accuses Skoda's former importers of failing to contact owners of cars at risk after the magazine uncovered the problem in 1991. In September of that year, Skoda's importers promised to recall 24,000 cars, but allegedly contacted only 14,000 owners.

A Skoda owner said yesterday he was nearly killed last October when his car's wheel fell off as he was driving along the M4 at 65mph. Steve Rigby, from Maidenhead, Berkshire, said: "I weaved across all the lanes. The damage was horrendous."

Mr Rigby had contacted Skoda's importers in 1991 after he heard about the fault but the company told him not to worry and to wait for his car to be recalled. This never happened, and after the accident Mr Rigby wrote to the importers to remind them of his earlier letter. "They immediately sent me an undated recall later," he said. "Their behaviour has been disgusting. They risked my life."

Skoda recently ended its long-standing import contract with Skoda (Great Britain). A spokesman for the new importers, Skoda UK, said yesterday: "We hope to contact the remaining owners by the end of the month."

The cars in question are the Skoda Estelle saloon, 120LX, 120LXE, 130L, 130LSE and 130GL, with chassis numbers from 2978483; and Rapid Coupes 130G, 135G, 135RIC and 136G, with chassis numbers from 5110451.

☐ Banks and solicitors are charging exorbitant fees for acting as executors of wills and providing an often incompetent service, *Which?* says today. In one case, Barclays Bank allegedly charged more than £5,000 to close six accounts, wind up a pension and distribute money among three people.

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Sex bias man was a woman

BY A STAFF REPORTER

AN APPEAL tribunal ruled yesterday that a legal secretary could pursue a sex discrimination case even though the person being paid more than her as a man turned out to be a transsexual who was born a woman.

Barbara Collins, 50, from South Cockerington, Lincolnshire, had been granted the right last year to take her former employers before an employment tribunal.

Yesterday the firm, Wilkin Chapman from Louth, took the case before the Employment Appeal Tribunal in London where Mr Justice May ruled that Mrs Collins had the right to continue to fight her claim.

John Bowers, for Wilkin Chapman, had told the tribunal: "A case for sexual discrimination has to be brought by a woman against a man or a man against a woman, but because they are the same sex the case is doomed to fail."

David Willis — born Janet Frost — was taken on as a male secretary earning £8,000 a year — £1,500 more than Mrs Collins, who had worked at the firm from July 1989 to June 1991. Several months after Mr Willis was sacked, the company discovered, after seeing a birth certificate, that he had been born female.

Stabbed PC calls for US-style batons

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A POLICE officer stabbed ten times in a street attack appealed yesterday for all officers to be allowed to carry American-style batons.

PC Martin Dudley, 31, said police in Britain should be trained to use the American side-handled baton, which is longer than the traditional truncheon, and should be free to carry them if they wished.

PC Dudley was stabbed repeatedly in an incident in Deptford, south London, last Friday and his injuries included a slashed main artery, a half-collapsed lung and a kidney wound. Police leaders believe the weapon would allow officers to defend themselves better and PC Dudley said it might have helped him to fend off his attacker.

He said: "There is a school of thought that there are different items of equipment that could be used throughout the police forces in this country that would help us to protect the public that they are perhaps not getting. Being correctly trained with that equipment, I might well have gone about the situation in a different manner, which might well have resulted in me not being in hospital today.

Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, halted tests of the baton, which cannot be concealed, because he feared it would alter the traditional image of the police. PC Dudley said he believed other means of protecting officers should also be considered, including anti-knife vests.

After the attack, PC Dudley underwent emergency surgery at Lewisham hospital. He is recovering on a general ward.

He said: "Quite often, for very petty reasons, officers are injured. There's no rhyme or reason. It's quite sickening. There are a multitude of different reasons for what's happening on the streets of London and other cities. I don't know what the answer is."

He said that his three sons, Alex, six, Andrew, four, and eight-month-old Jonathan, were too young to understand what had happened but his wife Jan was coping very well.

☐ The chief constable of Devon and Cornwall yesterday said criminals had been using a confidential Crimestoppers hotline to help police to clear up unsolved offences.

"We know some of the information we were getting in relation to attacks on the elderly came from criminals," said John Evans. "They said they were not happy with that sort of crime in the area. We understand the retribution risks. We just take their information and thank them for it."

Anyone giving the police information on the Crimestoppers freephone line does not have to give a name and can qualify for a cash reward. "We are finding the reward is not the greatest motivation. People just want to see lawbreakers brought to justice," said Mr Evans.

Last year the region's Crimestoppers line received 3,256 calls, resulting in 80 arrests and £4,750 paid out in rewards.

Girl's head shaved by jealous rival

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A WOMAN and two teenagers beat a 14-year-old girl with a leather belt and shaved her hair during a dispute over a man, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Mark Tomassi, for the prosecution, said the girl was lured to the home of the woman on the pretext that she was going to babysit, but was then questioned about her supposed interest in the woman's boy friend.

During a two-hour ordeal, the victim was punched and made to sit in a bath of cold water, was stripped to the waist and had cleaning liquid and inflammable liquid poured over her chest and arms. Part of her hair was then shaved "as a mark of disapproval".

The three female attackers, aged 24, 17 and 16, — who cannot be named for legal reasons — admitted assaulting the girl, causing her actual bodily harm. All three have been remanded on bail for reports.

Royal couple rent a riverside flat

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Princess Royal and her husband of eight weeks, Cdr Timothy Laurence, have rented a modest apartment in a block overlooking the Thames as their new London home.

Modesty, however, is relative; their new *pied à terre* is in Dolphin Square, on the Embankment between the Tate Gallery and Chelsea and the largest apartment block in Europe, housing 3,000 people. It is favoured by prominent politicians saddled with unsocial hours at the nearby Palace of Westminster and previous occupants have included Harold Wilson, Charles de Gaulle, Sir Oswald Mosley and Christine Keeler.

Annual rentals for new tenants range from £5,000 for a one-roomed flat plus kitchen and bathroom to £20,000 for a seven-roomed apartment plus kitchen and bathroom. The princess is believed to have rented at the top of the range. Because of the large number of MPs living there, security is already tight. But the couple will still have to put up with a police officer from the royalty protection group sleeping in a spare room whenever they are in residence.



Royal residence: flats at Dolphin Square

The couple's principal home remains Gatcombe Park in Gloucestershire, the house and estate bought by the Queen for an estimated £725,000 in 1976 as a gift to the princess and her first husband, Capt Mark Phillips. Without a place of their own in London, the couple would have to stay at Buckingham Palace when they wished to spend nights in the capital.

The decision to rent a flat will be seen as another attempt by the royal family to distance themselves from traditional wealth and privilege, but it is more realistically a move by Cdr Laurence to support his wife in the style of any other naval officer of his rank, rather than be dependent on his mother-in-law. Dolphin Square is also highly convenient for the defence ministry, where the commander was recently given a desk job. Buckingham Palace declined to comment on the move, regarding it as a private matter.

Dolphin Square, built in 1937 as a speculative development by Costains, is now a fortress of slightly fading grandeur although it contains a swimming pool, squash courts, a health centre and its own shops. Rents, however, remain in many cases below the going rate.

The development was sold long ago to Westminster City Council, which formed the Dolphin Square Trust and registered it as a housing association.

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Minister tells teachers to think again

NUT backs boycott of compulsory English tests for 14-year-olds

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

THE National Union of Teachers yesterday voted overwhelmingly for a boycott of compulsory English tests for 14-year-olds. At least nine out of ten NUT English teachers involved in the tests said they would support action short of a strike by refusing to mark, administer, invigilate the tests or cover for colleagues.

Ministers remain adamant that the tests must go ahead unchanged and believe teacher protests will fizzle out before 600,000 pupils sit them in June. Baroness Blatch, the education minister, accused the NUT of "desperate campaigning". She said a new independent report questioning teachers' abilities to judge pupils' progress against the curriculum underscored the need for national testing.

Classroom opposition to the English tests has spread rapidly, with all six teaching unions calling for this summer's tests to be a national pilot. Traditionally moderate headteachers, parents' groups, independent schools and some governing bodies have joined the chorus, complaining the tests are too narrow, poorly prepared and will produce invalid results.

Doug McAvoy, NUT general secretary, said that yesterday's ballot demonstrated an overwhelming strength of feeling. The union would now seek a meeting with John Patten, the education secretary, to demand changes to the tests. The vote does not commit the union to a boycott — the law requires a second ballot in May to authorise action — but increases the chances of direct confrontation with the government.

Support for a boycott was strongest among English teachers directly involved in the tests, who voted by 4,064 to 391 in favour on a 75 per cent turnout. Strike action was opposed by 40 per cent of English teachers, but, overall, 79 per cent of said they would strike to support colleagues disciplined for refusing to take part in the tests.

Mr McAvoy predicted an "almost unanimous response" to an English boycott if it was supported by other teaching unions. The National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers is expected to decide tomorrow to ballot for action against all national curriculum testing.

Mr McAvoy said his members were not hellbent on action. "We do not wish to disrupt the education of pupils but to prevent the introduction of testing which itself interupts their education."

Baroness Blatch said she was saddened but not surprised by the result and urged NUT members to think again before committing themselves to any unprofessional action. "Claims that the tests have not been properly prepared are ridiculous and completely wrong. The tests have been exhaustively tried out, in pilots involving hundreds of schools and thousands of pupils over the last two and a half years."

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McAvoy: "We do not wish to disrupt pupils"

Advisers endorse role of grammar

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

PROPOSALS for "standard English" to be adopted in schools will be debated today, provoking more controversy among teachers.

The government's advisers on the national curriculum are to finalise plans for substantial changes in the teaching of English at a meeting in York this morning. The proposals would reduce the amount of ground primary schools are expected to cover, while committing teachers in the state system to greater concentration on grammar, spelling and syntax than at present.

The National Curriculum Council, which has already revised the proposals once, denied yesterday that pupils would be discouraged from speaking in dialects or regional accents. John Patten, the education secretary, is said to be anxious for standard English to be introduced without endangering regional variations.

However, English teachers are likely to resist some of the key recommendations. Anne Barnes, general secretary of the National Association for the Teaching of English, said: "There is going to be uproar over these proposals. The notion of standard English raises lots of problems. Our language is extremely rich at the moment — it is rather like Shakespeare's time when contact with other cultures suddenly produced a great blossoming — and it would be disastrous to make everything uniform."

Ian Small, headmaster of Bootham School in York, a specialist on English in the leading independent schools, said: "Thousands of English teachers have been working their socks off to encourage youngsters to write well and communicate effectively, and if all that work was in vain, it will be a great pity."

For the first time, the new curriculum will include a reading list of classic works.

Although teaching methods for English will not be prescribed, children will be expected to use capital letters and full stops correctly by the age of seven, commas by 11, apostrophes and speech marks by 13, and colons and semi-colons by 16.

The proposals are expected to require only marginal amendment as a result of today's meeting, enabling Mr Patten to issue the new curriculum for consultation next month.

Young workers hone skills in quest for gold



Olympic challenge: Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, meets young bricklayers, chefs, hairdressers and plumbers from a team of 30 representing the United Kingdom at an international Skills Olympics this summer.

The youngsters, aged between 19 and 22, talked with Mrs Shephard at the National Training Awards ceremony at the Queen Elizabeth II conference centre in London yesterday. She wished them luck for the event in Taiwan in July.

The team will compete against young people from 25 other countries. The winners will be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals to mark their achievements. Mrs Shephard described the team as a "beacon for the future". She added: "These young men and women are a shining example of what can be achieved by personal commitment to training and self-improvement."

The national teams will compete in up to 40 occupational skills, including car repairs, carpentry, electronics, hairdressing, jewellery, plumbing and welding.

The youngsters are being sponsored by their various industries, and come from every English region as well as Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

□ A 16-page special supplement is published with *The Times* today.



BARRY GREENWOOD

Radioactive alert: venom milked from snakes is used in antidotes

Snake venom comes with sting in the tail

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

RUSSIA'S poisonous adders have added a dangerous dimension to life on the Steppes. As if the prospect of being bitten were not sufficiently alarming, two Russian scientists have now warned Western colleagues that their snake venom is probably radioactive.

Two kilograms of venom was stopped by Russian customs from leaving the country recently because it set off the radiation meters. Andrey Nedospasov of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow and Alexandr Cherkasov of the Kurchatov Institute suggest in this week's *Nature* that the problem is widespread because of the contamination of the Russian countryside with radioactive waste.

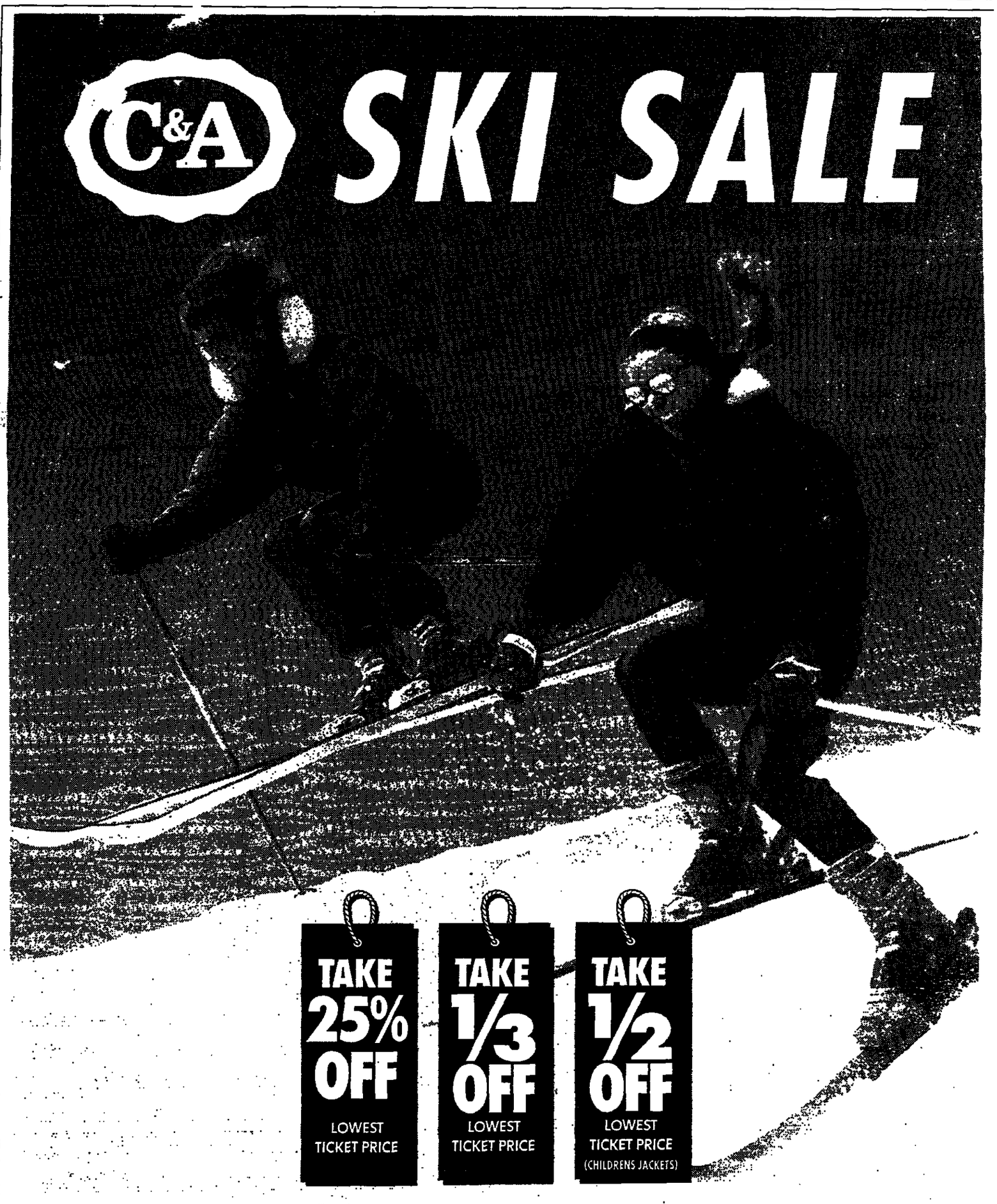
The main use of snake venom is the manufacture of antidotes, but it is also sometimes prescribed in low doses as a homeopathic remedy, and it is quite widely used as a research tool. The toxin proteins have the ability to select particular parts of the nervous system and are useful for studying synaptic transmission, a key process in carrying messages around the nervous system.

However, a bite containing radioactive venom would kill no more quickly than the regular variety. The Russians' interest is in using the levels of radioactivity as a measure of the contamination of their country. They claim a considerable part of the former Soviet Union is contaminated with various radioactive isotopes from waste disposal, accidents and nuclear testing. Yet local residents often have little idea of how serious the contamination is, and there is little money in Russia for proper monitoring.

The two scientists have appealed to anybody in the West who receives samples of snake venom from Russia to measure its radioactivity and make the results available, with details about where it came from and when it was collected. "These results will be of great value for people living in contaminated territories and for ecological monitoring," they say.

The snake involved is the common viper, found in the European part of the former Soviet Union, the Urals and Siberia. Its venom is collected using primitve methods and delivered to foreign consumers through a chain of agents with no state control.

David Warrell, Professor of Tropical Medicine and Infectious Diseases at Oxford, said that in the past two years he had had several enquiries from Russians anxious to sell snake venom. He said the toxin in venom could thin the blood and had been used experimentally to treat heart attack victims.



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RSC promises season of box-office hits despite money woes

By Alison Roberts
Arts Reporter

■ Financial anxieties at the RSC are soothed by an exciting new array of classic drama in Stratford and London

THE Royal Shakespeare Company announced "one of the most exciting seasons for many years" yesterday, despite financial worries caused by the departure of the company's main sponsor next year.

After his triumphant performance as Sir John Falstaff in *Henry IV* parts 1 and 2, Robert Stephens will play King Lear in a production directed by Adrian Noble, the RSC's artistic director. Simon Russell Beale, fast becoming the most sought-after young classical actor, has been offered a package of RSC parts including the fool in *King Lear*, although he has not confirmed his availability.

The company will break even this year, although it still carries an accumulated deficit of almost £2.5 million. English Estates, the property developer, announced its sponsorship of the RSC's regional tour of *Julius Caesar* for the 1993-4 season, although the amount pledged remains unconfirmed. Last year, the tour was shortened because no sponsors came forward.

The recent announcement that Royal Insurance will cease to be the RSC's main sponsor next year is causing financial headaches. The RSC has enjoyed its patronage for many years and will receive £700,000 from the company during this season. Mr Noble acknowledged that the task of seeking another comparative sponsor would be "very, very difficult", but he had not pared down the programme in anticipation of financial problems.

Mr Noble said that *King Lear*, which opens in Stratford in May, would be "extremely exciting" with an actor who, as Falstaff, "shone like a meteor throughout the 1991-2 season." Other highlights include the RSC's first production of an 18th century Carlo Goldoni play, directed by Michael Bogdanov, marking the 200th anniversary of the death of one of Italy's greatest playwrights.

A revival of T. S. Eliot's *Murder in the Cathedral*, directed by Steven Pimlott, will also open in May at the Swan Theatre and Anthony Sher will appear in the first London revival in nearly 20 years of Tom Stoppard's *Travesties*.

The Stratford 1992-3 season finished last weekend with audiences in London and on tour up by 50,000 on last year. The RSC's artistic success peaked with Mr Noble's *Hamlet*, starring Kenneth Branagh in the title role — breaking box-office records for a production of Shakespeare.

Mr Noble said: "All this season's plays are plays that we very much want to do. I never want to see empty theatres; it is a central tenet that we are artistically and intellectually rigorous and have mass appeal at the same time."

He called the partnership between the RSC and Royal Insurance "one of the most successful artistic sponsorships of all time". While the insurer hopes to continue the relationship on a smaller scale, a replacement must be found if some projects, including a national tour, are not to suffer.

The RSC is spending £400,000 on the refurbishment of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre at Stratford, one of its five auditoriums, although it "cannot afford new carpets". More comfortable seating and backstage improvements are included to erase the theatre's "drabness", according to Mr Noble.

Some 31 productions are scheduled for the 1993-4 season, of which 18 are brand new. *Hamlet* will transfer to Stratford for a limited season, playing opposite Sam Mendes's production of *Richard III*, currently at the Donmar Warehouse in London — although without its star, Russell Beale, who has hurt his back.



Branagh: his Hamlet broke box-office record

Nation remembers heroes who kept the Luftwaffe at bay



Proud duty: yesterday's funeral was the first time that an all-female firing party had fired a volley over the grave of a fallen serviceman

Final resting place for airman shot down 50 years ago

From Chris Jenkins in Normandy

THE sun struggled to break through a freezing morning mist that enshrouded the war cemetery at St Charles de Percy as six sailors carried the airman's coffin, adorned with uniform hat and sword, to his final resting place.

He died almost 50 years ago, shot down by a German fighter in the skies over Normandy. But it was only yesterday that Lt Arthur "Haggie" Beane, a wartime naval Spitfire pilot, was buried with full military honours.

An honour guard of six Wrens, eyes lowered, rested at attention on their reversed rifles at the entrance to the immaculately tended cemetery as Lt Beane's aunt, 84-year-old Jessica Haggie, led a procession of relatives, senior officers and French dignitaries to the graveside.

Scores of local people came to pay their respects to the pilot who died fighting to free France in November 1943 at the age of 24. A file of 37 French standard bearers, representing former Resistance fighters, old soldiers and people who were deported to Nazi prison camps, stood to attention as a Royal Navy chaplain, the Rev David Barlow, conducted a brief service in English and French.

As the hushed assembly bowed their heads a volley of shots rang out over the grave, fired by the six Wrens of the guard of honour. This was the first time in the history of Britain's armed forces that an all-female firing party had performed the ceremony.

Wren Nikki Jones, 19, said: "We have done a lot of training but we are still nervous, although we are proud of what we are doing."

Their senior officer, Lt Sarah Collins, 27, who commanded the funeral party from HMS *Daedalus*, said: "This is a great opportunity for them to carry out their duties."

Mrs Haggie, from Yarmouth in the Isle of Wight, said she was happy the body had been found after all these years. "It is wonderful he is laid to rest at last," she said.

Marcel Lepetit, the farmer who cultivates the field into which Arthur Beane's crippled Spitfire crashed at full speed, still remembers the sound of the plane as it flew over his school before burying itself in 25ft of damp clay.

He says he will put up a memorial to Lt Beane at the edge of the maize field which still contains much of the Spitfire's wreckage. The feeling of gratitude to the Allied forces is strong in this part of France.

When war was declared in September 1939, Lt Beane joined the Fleet Air Arm while he was a student at Oxford — a move described by his aunt as "typical of the man." After training as a pilot, he flew in the western desert and was then posted to Yeovilton, Somerset, as a flying instructor.

At Yeovilton he was detached to the RAF's 165 (Teylon) Squadron, the unit from which he made his last flight on November 26, 1943, escorting bombers on a raid over Cherbourg.

Colleagues saw his plane spin out of control into low cloud after it was hit in a dogfight with Luftwaffe Focke Wulf 190s, but they did not see his aircraft crash. Nor could they confirm that he had shot down one of his attackers, until the investigation last November which finally identified him as the pilot buried in the Normandy field.

Then investigators checked German war records and found that Lt Beane had indeed made his first kill of the war seconds before he was shot down.

As Mr Barlow said at the funeral: "He gave his life for his country in an act of great heroism."



Shot down: naval Spitfire pilot Lt Arthur Beane

Royalty to honour The Few

By Michael Horsnell

THE first permanent national memorial to The Few, the airmen who repelled the Luftwaffe during the Battle of Britain in the summer of 1940, will be unveiled on the white cliffs of Dover by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother in July.

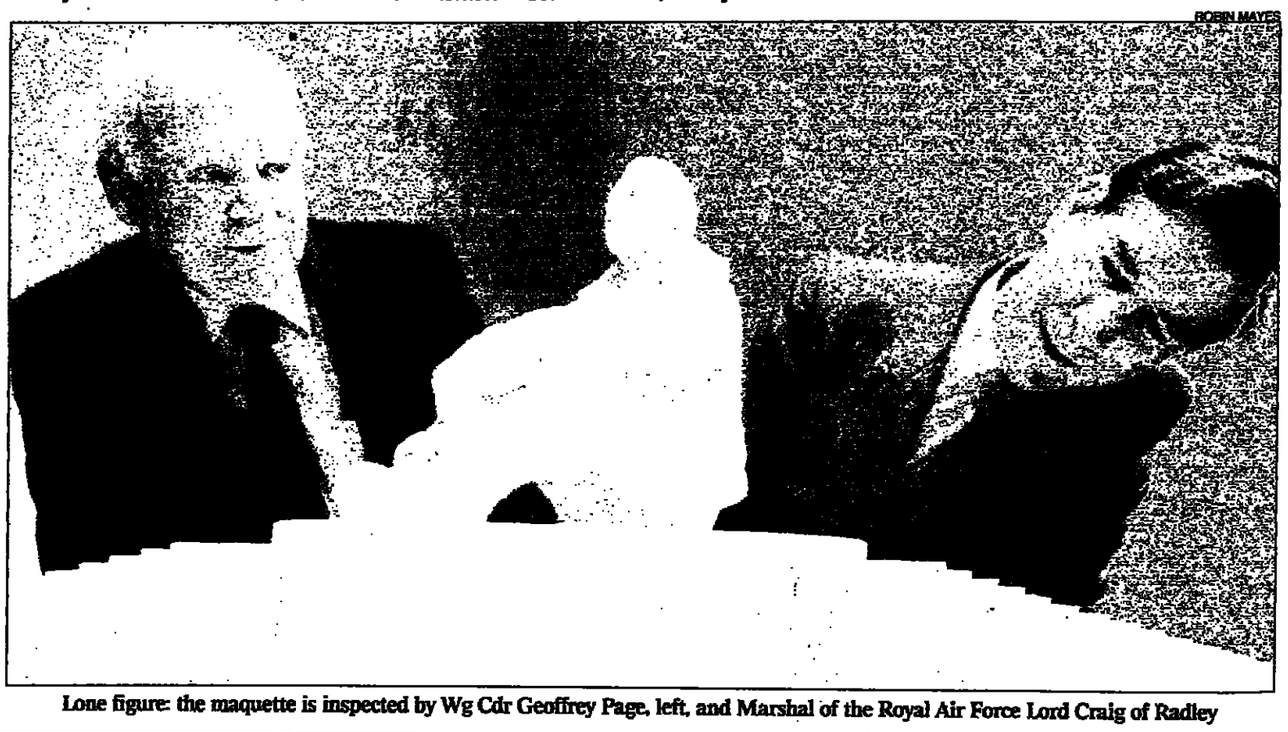
A maquette of the 8ft high figure by the Cambridge sculptor Harry Gray has been inspected by Wg Cdr Geoffrey Page, DSO, DFC and Bar, chairman of the Battle of Britain Memorial Trust, which raised funds for the memorial, and Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Craig of Radley.

The panel which selected the £50,000 sculpture, in Bixhead blue stone from the Forest of Dean, was impressed by the non-combative design. Shirley Slocock, executive co-ordinator of the trust, said: "It captures the feeling of what it was like to be a pilot. They spent a lot of time looking out, wondering if their friends would return."

The figure will be placed by the cliff edge at Capel le Ferne between Dover and Folkestone at the centre of three stone propeller blades which will be visible from the air.

The plinth will be decorated with the carved crests of the 66 RAF squadrons which took part in the Battle of Britain. At least £50,000 is still required for landscaping and a car park at the seven-acre site.

ROBIN MAYES



Lone figure: the maquette is inspected by Wg Cdr Geoffrey Page, left, and Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Craig of Radley

NEWS IN BRIEF

Horse fall traps rider for hours

Robert Windsor-Clive, a former National Hunt jockey, was recovering in hospital after being trapped under a dead horse for three hours.

Mr Windsor-Clive, 42, was riding near his home in Michaelchurch Escley, Hereford and Worcester, when the 10-year-old gelding reared up and collapsed with a heart attack.

Janet Davies, whose husband owns the horse, said: "When they got to him, all that was visible was his hat and his boots. He was face down and had been there, in great pain, for about three hours." Mr Windsor-Clive suffered a broken leg and extensive bruising.

Bomb case

Patrick Murphy, 52, of Hayes, northwest London, charged with causing an explosion near Downing Street and kidnapping a mini-cab driver last October, was remanded in custody for a further 24 hours by magistrates in east London.

Petrol death

A 19-year-old woman died after dousing herself with petrol on a playing field in Kelvedon, Essex, and setting her clothes alight. The woman, who is believed to have had an argument with her boy friend, later died in Colchester hospital.

Piper B starts

Oil and gas production started at the Piper B platform, 120 miles northeast of Aberdeen. The platform replaces Piper Alpha, scene of the world's worst offshore disaster in 1988, when 167 men died.

Flying sweet

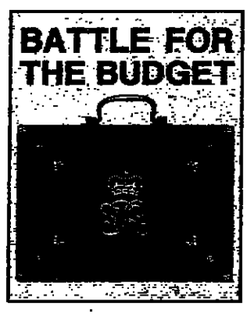
A woman working in a snack van parked beside the A27 at Lewes, East Sussex, needed hospital treatment after being hit on the head by a strawberry bonbon thrown from a passing car.

Bible bet

The Rev Adrian Bell hopes to raise £200,000 to restore the nave of St John's church in Washingborough, Lincolnshire, by giving each member of the congregation a £10 note. He is following a biblical example in the hope that his flock will return a tidy profit in three months.

Drivers to pay for ending of car tax

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent



NORMAN Lamont could raise petrol prices by as much as 11p a gallon in his March Budget to help to recover almost £750 million lost since special car tax was abolished.

But industry executives are warning the Chancellor that further big increases in taxation will stop the faltering recovery of Britain's car makers and undermine commercial vehicle manufacturers.

Sales figures for cars and trucks — among the most sensitive indicators of the economy's health — underline the rapid descent into recession since 1989. Sales of new cars have fallen from a record 2.3 million to 1.593 million last year while sales of buses and lorries have slumped by more than half, with disastrous results at Leyland DAF.

The Chancellor could, by increasing the price of a gallon of unleaded petrol by 5p and leaded by 11p, recover about £650 million of the revenue lost in abolishing car tax last year. The move would appease environmentalists who want to see the government encourage fuel economy and force polluters to pay through the price at the pumps.

The Automobile Association said that the increase would cost private motorists an extra £30 a year and substantially raise industry's costs. But motor companies hope that the fuel increases are all that is planned. Every section of the industry has told the Chancellor in written submissions that he must resist the temptation to "milk" motorists, who already contribute almost £21 billion a year to the Treasury.

Neil Marshall, chief economist to the Retail Motor Industry Federation, which represents 12,000 motor dealers, said: "It is clear the pace of recovery is far too weak to sustain tax increases."

His federation calculated that 13 per cent of the 750,000 jobs in manufacturing and sales had been lost in two years while 10 per cent of showrooms closed in 1991 and a further 8 per cent last year. He forecast a modest increase in new car sales of 5 per cent this year to 1.67 million if the Chancellor avoided Budget tax increases, stimulated confidence and continued to cut interest rates.

There may, however, be no escape from a shake-up of the way company car tax is calculated. Mr Lamont seems certain to implement as soon as possible proposals to switch scale charge tax calculations on the private benefit of a company car from the present measure using engine size to one based on model price.

The Inland Revenue said the effect of the realignment would be almost fiscally neutral but would redistribute the burden of tax more fairly between users of "perk" company cars and those high milage users who need a car provided by their firm.

The British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association, which represents companies distributing 500,000 new cars annually, is lobbying hard for the Chancellor to wait until his autumn statement. Roger Macey, the association's chairman, wants a review of capital allowances currently hindering sales of business cars. He said demand could be boosted by removing restrictions and bringing scale charges into line with actual benefit.

Injury handicaps polar explorers

By A Staff Reporter

CONCERN is growing for the explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes, who is near starvation, suffering from frost-bite and has a badly infected foot as he tramps across Antarctica. Sir Ranulph and Dr Michael Stroud are within 50 miles of setting the record for the longest unsupported polar journey as they try to make the first crossing of Antarctica on foot.

David Harrison, an expedition spokesman, said: "Both men are near starvation and suffering from frost-bite. More worrying is Sir Ranulph's foot, which is not responding to antibiotics because of his emaciated condition and temperatures well below minus 30C."

The pair, who are trying to raise £2 million for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, last night reached the top of the Beardmore Glacier on their descent towards the edge of the Antarctic continent. But the organisers of the Pentland South Pole expedition are concerned as the weakened explorers have yet to face the most dangerous terrain of the journey.

In addition, they have only two ski poles between them to cope with the hazardous "blue ice" — the towering gradients and plunging crevasses in a glacier as winds gust around them at more than 40mph.

Mr Harrison said that Dr Stroud, 37, was experienced in cold weather injuries and was closely monitoring the situation to see how far they could push themselves with safety. "Despite all this, the two men are in good spirits and determined to complete the crossing of the continent," he said.

Virginia Fiennes said that, knowing her husband, he would "bust a gut" to complete their mission. She was at home on Exmoor yesterday anxiously waiting for news. She said: "I am very upset by the latest reports. I'm very worried indeed. We are trying to monitor progress as closely as possible."

Thea Stroud, 37, of Haslemere, Surrey, said: "They are trapped in a very dangerous part of the world. It's particularly worrying because the weather conditions are wrecking communication links. This sort of thing was in the back of my mind when they set out."

Worker tells of fatal ambush

By A Staff Reporter

DAVID Parsons, a foreign consultant for BT, was shot dead after being ambushed by bandits in Nigeria, an inquest was told yesterday.

Mr Parsons, 44, and his colleague Peter Barrett had been on a sight-seeing tour near their base in Lagos when they were forced to stop by the gang. The pair allowed the bandits to have their car, but as they walked away the shooting began.

In a statement read to the inquest, Mr Barrett, of High Mickley, Northumberland, told how he and Mr Parsons, of Grafham, Cambridgeshire, were hit. He said: "I lay still, pretending to be dead. I saw David lying on his back, propped up by his elbows. I said, 'I've been hit', and he said he had too." Mr Parsons then passed out. Mr Barrett attempted mouth-to-mouth resuscitation but could not revive him.

Their driver tried to flag down passing cars for help. Two drove on before he forced a third to stop and take them to hospital.

The inquest at Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, was told that Mr Parsons was certified dead from gunshot wounds. Mr Barrett is still recovering from his injuries. His statement told the inquest how he and Mr Parsons were visiting a shrine as part of an attempt to involve themselves in local culture, as encouraged by BT for employees in foreign countries.

David Morris, the coroner, recorded a verdict of death by unlawful killing.

Nigerian authorities have arrested a team of bandits and recovered a number of vehicles, although nobody has been charged with the murder of Mr Parsons.

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Tests show Braer oil has contaminated Shetland salmon

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

The true extent of the contamination of Shetland salmon after the *Braer* tanker disaster is only just becoming apparent

OIL spilt from the *Braer* is believed to have contaminated many of the two million salmon farmed within the exclusion zone surrounding the wrecked tanker.

The fish, in 16 farms on the west coast of Shetland, are worth £8 million. The government says that all the salmon sampled from inside the zone that it imposed when the tanker ran aground in Quendale Bay last month are contaminated. There are also fears over flat fish, white fish and shellfish.

The salmon samples were taken once a week from two farms inside the zone, two farms just outside it and a farm in the north of Shetland, away from the disaster. Further samples are to be taken from many more farms within the zone. The contaminated fish were all in pens within the west coast exclusion zone. Some fish farmers are angry at the suggestion that all two million fish are tainted.

About half the affected salmon would have been ready for harvesting now and the rest next year. The farmers within the zone have applied for compensation but have not yet received any.

Scott Findlay, of the Shetland Salmon Farmers' Association, said: "The situation is becoming critical. The Scottish Office is being asked to pay out, as it promised, but no payments have been received. The remaining 75 per cent of fish farms, outside the exclusion zone, are completely free of contamination and unaffected by oil."

The Scottish Office said: "We believe that the compensation fund which has been set up at £54 million will be perfectly adequate to deal with payments related to the *Braer* incident. On the specific question of farmed salmon, we can confirm that there are over two million within the exclusion zone; this represents only a quarter of the total farmed salmon population in Shetland. The total value of farmed salmon to the Shetland is £32 million."

Farmers fear that they will be ordered to slaughter their stocks but are not sure how to dispose of the fish. The salmon will remain in their cages for the time being and will be monitored by scientists. The Scottish Office said that it was too early to say what would happen to the fish.

The government figures show that the level of hydrocarbons in the water are from ten to 700 times higher than natural levels. Concentrations of toxic compounds in salmon flesh are hundreds of times higher than in untainted fish and the fish farmers say that the salmon taste of paraffin.

Last night, they expressed anger over the report. One farmer, George Williamson, said: "We knew they were testing the fish but they have kept us completely in the dark about the results.

"It is our livelihood that is threatened and we should be told." Mr Williamson tried to protect his stock by putting absorbent booms around the salmon cages three days after the *Braer* ran aground.

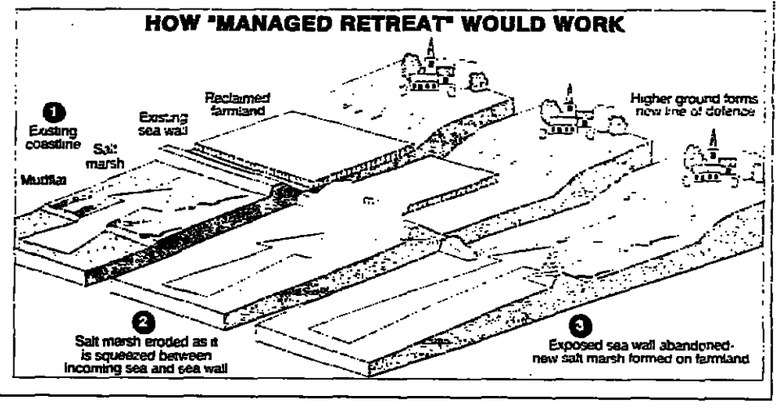
The figures follow an announcement from the Shetland Islands Council and the transport department's marine pollution control unit that the *Braer* was no longer a serious pollution threat, as the sea surrounding the wreck was free of signs of residual oil. The salmon farmers say that is because the damage has already been done.

In the four weeks since the disaster, 1,500 sea birds are known to have died and 230 have been treated for oil. Three otters and about 30 seals are being treated for contamination.


CHRIS HARRIS

Patrolling the waves: David Sunnucks, a farmer on Mersea Island, Essex, is on the front-line in the battle between man and the sea. On this part of the coast man is losing (Michael Hornsby writes). Some 140 of Mr Sunnucks's 400 acres are reclaimed land lying below sea level. Late last year, he learnt that the National Rivers Authority was considering demolishing the concrete-clad wall, three-quarters of a mile long, that keeps the North Sea at bay. He stands to lose 30 acres of valuable summer grazing. A dramatic switch in government thinking on flood control is talking of replacing the old concrete sea defences with "managed retreat" and "working with nature". Cost is undoubtedly a main reason why the new strategy has been accepted in principle by the government. New hard sea-walls can cost up to £8 million a mile. But there is an environmental case for the new approach: English Nature, the government's wildlife adviser, estimates that up to 750 acres of marsh could be reclaimed each year, restoring valuable habitats for plants and birds.

HOW "MANAGED RETREAT" WOULD WORK



River eye traps polluters

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

RIVER polluters beware: Cyclops is watching. The device claimed its first victim in Bristol Magistrates' Court on Tuesday, when Rhone-Poulenc Chemicals was fined £10,000 and ordered to pay £1,000 costs for discharging effluent into the Kingsweston Rhine at Avonmouth near Bristol.

The company pleaded guilty when faced with evidence gathered by Cyclops, a waterproof box developed by scientists from the Wessex region of the National Rivers Authority (NRA).

The floating box contains instruments to measure water quality. When they detect a change in cloudiness, temperature or acidity that exceeds pre-set limits, Cyclops sends a fax to the nearest NRA control room and takes a water sample. A water quality officer can then visit the site with a representative of whoever is believed responsible for the discharge and collect the sample.

Dr Jan Pentreath, the NRA's chief scientist, said: "This is an historic case. It is the first time that such automatic instrumentation has been used to catch a polluter."

Rise in church crime destroying heritage

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

ARSON and burglary attacks on churches have reached record levels, with an average of one an hour, according to figures disclosed yesterday. Thefts of religious artefacts rose by 20 per cent last year, and up to half of Anglican churches can expect to be burgled this year if the present rate of attacks continues.

Experts fear that many thefts are done to order, with goods being shipped to Europe or America for sale.

The Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, which insures 97 per cent of Anglican churches in Britain, received 9,500 claims for goods worth about £5 million last year. This represented a small fraction of the value of the stolen goods, often under-insured or irreplaceable. A wall tapestry insured for only £250 turned up at auction valued at £48,000.

In the past four years, church crime has risen by 200 per cent. Arsonists caused damage put at more than £6 million last year. Thefts last year included stained glass windows chiselled out of stone frames at Holy Cross Church, Greenford, northwest London, and a 250-year-old brass chandelier weighing more than a hundredweight stolen at Axbridge, Somerset.

Jim Scott, of Ecclesiastical Insurance, said: "They will steal a few pennies in a collection box but cause hundreds of pounds worth of damage ripping it from the wall. It is stripping communities of their heritage and social history. One church's records book, dating back 800 years, was stolen, destroying its history in a couple of hours."

Churches are now bolting down furniture, operating watch schemes and installing surveillance cameras.

The way it isn't

CRAIG BROWN



WHEN my wife worked on a local newspaper, she was taught that most of its readers were only interested in stories involving cats, or "lovable moggies".

Singing cats, footballing cats, poorly cats, tug-of-love cats, hopping cats, barking cats, pop-star-lookalike cats, fat cats, thin cats, cats who picked up the newspapers, cats with nine lives, cats who had befriended a budgie and/or a dog and/or a goldfish, cats stuck in trees, beer-drinking cats, tail-chasing cats, cats which had foiled masked raiders, prize-winning cats, dancing cats: rare was the day that a cat did not hit the headlines.

This obsession reached a climax with the news-story "Moggy Saved as Two Old Folk Die in Fire", but before then my wife had managed to get rid of a horrid family letter-eating cat by writing a story in which her brother — pictured with the offending creature — was said to have a rare allergy to cats; would any reader give his lovable moggy a good home? The trick worked: the mail-masticating moggy was taken off his hands, and everyone was happy.

I mention this because for the past six months our house has been under a state of siege from a sinister black cat, who sits on the sills mewing threateningly. He is beginning to drive me mad. I now think he is the symbol of all my worst deeds, come back to haunt me.

It has even crossed my mind that he is the reincarnation of the dead medium Doris Stokes, whose book I once reviewed most unfavourably. Does any reader of *The Times* want a lovable moggy with a look of Doris Stokes and a talent for terror? Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

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Labour review group calls for end to union block vote

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ Labour's reform plans would shift the power at party conferences, giving MPs a say for the first time

A RADICAL plan to allow MPs to vote at Labour conferences for the first time is to be put to the Labour movement as one of the means of breaking down the trade union block vote.

At the same time the system for leadership elections that allows unions 40 per cent of the vote, and MPs and party members 30 per cent each, is set to be scrapped.

Under proposals to go before Labour's national executive later this month, trade unions would continue to have 50 per cent of the vote at party conferences (although it would not be cast as a block vote), the party members 30 per cent, and MPs, up to now purely observers at the annual policy-making forum, 20 per cent.

The movement is to be asked whether it wants to end altogether the role of the unions in the selection of parliamentary candidates and leave it to the party membership, return to an electoral college system that would guarantee the unions a say, or introduce a new form of registered membership that would allow unionists who pay a party levy to vote.

After months of difficult discussion the review group looking at links between the unions and Labour has drawn up proposals for reforming its procedures on selecting parliamentary candidates, electing the leader and voting at the annual conference. After a successful rearguard action by senior party figures who feared that the committee would conclude by recommending that the unions should retain a strong influence in all three areas, the movement is now to be presented with a series of options.

If the proposals favoured by the proponents of change are backed in the four months of consultation that will follow, there will be a significant reduction in the role of the unions in the Labour party. Senior party figures are confident that when the options are put to the full membership the case for radical change will be overwhelmingly endorsed.

Details of the options approved by a meeting of the review group on Monday have been obtained by *The Times*.

On leadership elections the current system, introduced in the early 1980s, does not survive as an option. The nearest to it is a plan that would allow the unions, members and MPs each to have one-third of the vote. The plan that looks likely to be supported is for MPs and party members each to have 50 per cent of the vote.

On the most sensitive issue, parliamentary selection, union leaders have succeeded in retaining the option of allowing trade union levy-payers to enrol as "registered members" and to have a vote. It will be put to the movement alongside an option for a straight one member one vote system that would end the union role. It is believed to be supported by John Smith and seems likely to be adopted. A third compromise option is for a return to the electoral college which would give union delegates in any constituency a guaranteed share of the vote. It is thought likely to be supported by union leaders who fear that the bureaucracy of the registered supporters plan makes it impractical.

On voting at conference, the paper suggests the options of: retaining the status quo, with unions keeping 70 per cent of the vote and the members 30 per cent; a plan under which the membership share would rise sharply as new members were recruited to the party; and the novel system that would allow MPs 20 per cent of the vote. Under all options the trade union vote would be changed. It would not be cast as a block vote, and the spectacle of union leaders holding up cards representing hundreds of thousands of votes would be ended for ever.

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1992-93

CROSSRAIL
(ADDITIONAL PROVISION)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by London Underground Limited ("the Company") and the British Railways Board ("the Board") by Petition for Additional Provision for leave to introduce amendments into the Bill now pending in Parliament under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-

1. In the City of Westminster -
   (a) construction by the Company of Work No. 5A being a sewer diversion beneath Hanover Square in substitution for Work No. 5 described in the Bill;
   (b) acquisition of additional lands or subsoil or new rights only for the purposes of the works to be authorised by the Bill including land in Hyde Park for the construction of an emergency escape shaft and the stopping up, opening or narrowing of, or parts of Eastbourne Terrace, Cleveland Terrace, Craven Road, Stanhope Terrace, Brook Street, Hyde Park Gardens Mews, Hyde Park Gardens; the temporary stopping up of the footpath known as Diadem Court;
   (c) disapplication of the London Squares Preservation Act 1931 to and the temporary possession of Soho Square (4570 square metres) for the execution of the works to be authorised by the Bill;
2. In the London Borough of Camden -
   acquisition of additional lands or subsoil or new rights for the purposes of the works to be authorised by the Bill and the stopping up or opening up of Jockey's Fields, Saffron Hill, Greville Street and Farringdon Road.
3. In the London Borough of Islington -
   acquisition of additional lands or subsoil or new rights for the purposes of the works to be authorised by the Bill and the temporary stopping up of Cowcross Street.
4. In the City of London -
   (a) acquisition of additional lands or subsoil or new rights for the purposes of the works to be authorised by the Bill and the stopping up of part of Moorfields and the footpath known as Keats Place;
   (b) disapplication of the London Squares Preservation Act 1931 to and the temporary possession of part of Finsbury Circus (3900 square metres).
5. In the London Borough of Tower Hamlets -
   (a) partial demolition and reconstruction by the Company of railway bridges over Vallance Road and Hemsing Street (Works Nos. 9A and 9B);
   (b) acquisition of additional lands or subsoil or new rights for the purposes of the works to be authorised by the Bill.
6. In the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea -
   acquisition of additional land to the north of the Reading railway between Ladbroke Grove and Golborne Road for the purpose of setting back the existing retaining wall.
7. In the London Borough of Ealing -
   (a) reconstruction by the Board of the bridge carrying Hanger Lane over the Reading railway (Work No. (B)22), including the temporary possession of Public Green (Hanger Lane) (545 Square metres) for that purpose and part of Haven Green Common (965 square metres) for the reconstruction of the bridge carrying Haven Green and Spring Bridge Road over the Reading railway and the temporary stopping up of Hanger Lane and Hamilton Road for the execution of those works;
   (b) a change of use of lands to be acquired at Atlas Road to permit the continued use of that road for traffic and pedestrians during the construction of works authorised by the Bill.
8. In the London Borough of Harrow -
   (a) repositioning of the Metropolitan Line in a northerly direction between a point north of Bladon Gardens and Neptune Road and the construction of a siding (Works Nos. (L)1A and (L)2A) in substitution for Works Nos.(L)1 and (L)2 described in the Bill;
   (b) a narrowing of part of Neptune Road.
9. In the London Borough of Hillingdon -
   (a) reconstruction by the Board of the bridge carrying Dawley Road over the Reading railway (Work No. (B)21) and the temporary stopping up of Dawley Road, Keith Road and footpath No. H55 known as Gramophone Lane for the execution of the work;
   (b) temporary possession of lands at Dawley Road for the construction of that work and to the west of Northwood Station to enable the reconstruction of that station.
10. In the Royal County of Berkshire-
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Major vision lacks market credibility

In an unfortunate coincidence, John Major last night talked about his strategy for the 1990s on the day that the government staged another tactical retreat and was being battered again in the foreign exchange markets. It sometimes seems that the only resolutely immoveable institution in Britain is the MCC over its refusal to select David Gower for the Indian cricket tour.

The government is under pressure across a series of fronts — pit closures, naval dockyards, the health service as well as rising unemployment and the economy — and is having to give ground to appease its backbench critics.

Having stuck firmly to the *Options for Change* policy on defence cutbacks for two years, Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, yesterday had to concede part of his critics' warnings over the overstretched resources. So the amalgamations of two English and two Scottish regiments will not go ahead.

What matters is not the individual decision, probably sensible given the pressures on the army, but its broader implications, not just for the defence budget but politically.

The decision feeds the current buzz at Westminster about the Major government being prone to U-turns. However much individual decisions are applauded for showing that ministers are listening to MPs and to the public, they add to the impression of weakness.

That is why the financial markets are so sceptical about the government's handling of the economy. They have doubts not only about Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, but, more importantly, about official policies towards sterling and interest rates. Mr Major and Mr Lamont are in a trap. Their credibility will only be re-established if the markets believe that they are willing to take the one action they cannot take: that is to raise interest rates.

Mr Major had relatively little to say about the economy in his Carlton Club speech, apart from emphasising the need to keep "firm control of inflation and take a rigorous approach to public spending". He hinted at a further radical review by saying it was "necessary from time to time to re-examine long-term trends in expenditure". That is fine in general, but in the current mood is likely to be strenuously resisted when it comes to detailed programmes.

Otherwise, the speech was intended to answer criticisms that Mr Major lacks a strategy. As he almost gleefully concluded, "if people suppose we have come to the end of our reforming energies, they had better think again." Many of the themes derive from his Chequers seminar with the Downing Street Policy Unit three weeks ago.

The list of ideas in the pipeline shows that there is no slackening of radical zeal, in intention at least — covering primary schools, teacher training, vocational education, powers over young offenders, the police, rented housing, assistance to exports, reducing official regulation, openness in government, road-pricing, a variant of the American system of "workfare" (though the term was not used), and local voluntary action.

Mr Major sought to put these proposals in the context of traditional Toryism, though with a personal emphasis on tolerance and generosity. He defined the "classless society" as "fostering a national life in which merit is rewarded, achievement respected, opportunity opened up and the individual given power and choice."

It is not a bad vision for the 1990s — more Tory and more human in what Mr Major called "an ear for history and an eye for place" than what Margaret Thatcher offered in the 1980s. And it may well strike a chord with many people in spite of the patronising sniping of some of Mr Major's critics.

But it will not be enough unless Mr Major can restore credibility to his economic policy. A precondition for political recovery is that the markets start believing again.

PETER RIDDELL

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AROUND THE LOBBY

Plea to save the rhino

Labour yesterday launched a crusade to save the rhinoceros which, it is feared, could be extinct by the turn of the century. Nigel Griffiths, the shadow consumer affairs minister, has tabled a Commons motion warning that illegal trade in rhino horn has reduced the worldwide population of the animal to below 10,500.

He said that in Taiwan rhino horn was highly prized for so-called medicinal purposes, fetching up to four times the price of gold.

Mr Griffiths's motion calls on Taiwan to enforce effectively its own legislation banning the import, export and domestic sale of rhino horn, and to support rhino conservation programmes in African and Asian countries.

Staff pledge

The government promised to keep Customs and Excise staff numbers under review amid fears that the month-old European single market would bring more bootlegging. Sir John Cope, the paymaster general, told the Commons that more officers would be recruited if necessary.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: Treasury; prime minister. European Communities (amendment) bill, further consideration in committee. Lords (3): Welsh language bill, committee, final day.

Councils to get aid for refugee influx

BY ROBERT MORGAN, POLITICAL STAFF

COUNCILS finding themselves inundated with refugees from former Yugoslavia and from wartorn countries in Africa are to get extra government financial help, Michael Howard, the environment secretary, told the Commons yesterday.

Councils which cover main ports of entry often find themselves faced with an unexpected rise in spending, especially when the refugees are children. Mr Howard, speaking on motions to set government grants to England's 400 local councils in 1993-4, outlined last November, said that grants were one more token of the government's commitment to ensure that local government was properly financed.

He made it clear that councils which exceeded their limits — the standard spending asssessment — would be capped. Although he hoped not to have to use his capping powers, he said he had to protect local taxpayers. "I will not hesitate to do so to restrain excessive spending and to hold down council tax levels."



Howard: pledged to protect taxpayers

Mr Howard criticised Labour local authorities for inefficiency and mismanagement. Some had been short-changing the people they had been elected to serve, he said. Three Lambeth councillors owed £3,000 in community charges, but they continued to collect £35,000 in allowances. Sheffield had spent £54,000 providing offices for Labour MPs when it had lost more than £10 million on the World Student Games.

Mr Howard declined to speculate on levels of council tax, which comes into force in April, but a *Local Government Chronicle* survey showed that they were likely to be 20 per cent or £100 higher in Labour-controlled areas. Labour councillors cost more and gave inefficient services, he said.

Graham Riddick, Tory MP for Colne Valley, said that Labour councillors had been profligate because they had banked on a Labour government being elected and bailing them out.

Mr Howard tried to reassure Tory MPs concerned that the change to the new tax would hit their areas hard. He said there would be transitional relief for any household which found itself with a much higher bill. The scheme would cost about £340 million.

Jack Straw, the shadow environment secretary, complained that Mr Howard had said nothing of the jobs and services that would "unquestionably be lost" as a result of the government's failure to give greater support to local government.

Cabinet to hear plan for coal

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Heseltine is expected to outline his plans to fellow cabinet ministers today to give an extra five-year subsidy from the Treasury to the coal industry, which would save about 15 of the 31 threatened pits.

Government sources are playing down the prospect of a final decision by the cabinet today on the package. However the cabinet committee, chaired by Lord Wakeham, is understood to have reached broad agreement yesterday on the key points for the energy white paper to be published this month.

Like the cross-party Commons industry committee, Mr Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, now believes British Coal needs a breathing space to give the remaining pits a chance to match world prices.

Ministers know they must reprieve enough pits to satisfy most of their backbench rebels, such as Winston Churchill, while not antagonising right-wingers by promising 1970s-style state subsidies for lame-duck industries.

The government's predicted U-turn on the pit closures would be supported by most voters across all political parties, according to a poll by Mori for the Coalfield Communities Campaign. The survey found only 4 per cent backed Mr Heseltine's handling of last autumn's announcement of the pit closures while 53 per cent believed he should resign as President of the Board of Trade.

Unflattering view of ministers shocks peers

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

MOST of the public believe government ministers are "dupes or liars", peers were told yesterday.

The comment, by Lord Marlesford, the former *Economist* journalist who sits on the Conservative benches in the Lords, provoked outrage. Lord Marlesford was questioning the government on allegations that the "Camillagate" and "Dianagate" tapes were recorded by security service officers bent on undermining the monarchy. Did the government recognise that these rumours about the bugging were "very serious and very widespread", asked Lord Marlesford, and that "the denials by the government are sadly not enough". He feared that "the public regard ministers all too often as dupes or liars".

Despite the shocked reaction of peers, Earl Ferrers, the deputy Leader of the Lords, and a politician of a school that would have been regarded as old-fashioned a generation ago, did not rise to the bait. He hoped that if people did regard ministers as dupes or fools it only applied to a small minority of the population.

He denied the reports about bugging, which he said had been "fuelled by unfounded rumours in the press", and said no warrant had been issued to authorise taping of conversations by members of the royal family. The prime minister had questioned the heads of the security services and had been reassured that their agencies had not been involved, he told the House.

The issue was taken up by Lord Jenkins, the former home secretary, who suggested that GCHQ could have intercepted the calls without the authorisation of warrants. Earl Ferrers said that so far as he was aware there had been no involvement by GCHQ in the interception of royal telephone calls.

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Protesters in Soweto set buses ablaze

■ Johannesburg's black commuters faced cabbies' roadblocks, police curbs, cancelled buses. The result: 80 per cent absenteeism

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

VIOLENCE swept the Soweto township for the third day running yesterday with two buses set on fire, but a heavy police presence kept rioters off the streets in Johannesburg.

The black protesters were joined during the day by Coloured (mixed race) youths from the Eldorado Park suburb, and during the evening journey home two more buses were attacked with petrol bombs on the Eldorado highway. One bus was burnt out, and both drivers were compelled to run for the their lives. As night fell, police opened fire with rubber bullets and tear gas to try to disperse the crowd.

The bus company added to the transport shortage in Soweto by pulling all its vehicles out of the township. One bus was set alight in the morning near the taxi rank by Baragwanath hospital, and pulled across the road. A company spokesman said several bus drivers had been dragged out of their buses, and a senior company official in Soweto was admitted to hospital after an attack on his car. Several buses were stoned, had their tyres slashed and windows smashed.

In the central business district of Johannesburg, police with screaming sirens, flashing lights and a helicopter circling above, charged into streets apparently threatened with a blockade by angry black minibus taxi drivers. They quickly towed away a couple of taxis which had been stopped in Market Street, near the Carlton hotel, and the traffic was on its way after only a minimal delay.

The police had conducted their own blockade earlier in the day when, using the powers given overnight when Johannesburg was declared an "unrest" area, they stopped all the minibuses along the Soweto Highway leading from the black township to the city centre.

The unhappy black commuters either went back home or set off on a long hike to work. Warrant Officer Andy Fieke, for the police, denied that police were barring minibus drivers from entering the city. He said that searches were being made of some minibuses and that was holding them up.

A number of other black taxi drivers set up their own roadblocks in the Orlando area and forced passengers out of taxis. The rail network reported a 20 per cent increase in commuter traffic during the day and long lines of depressed hitchhikers plodded through Diepkloof on the road to town in hot and humid weather.

The Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry reported 80 or 90 per cent absenteeism yesterday, though many businessmen tried to cheer each other up after a 50 per cent drop in trade by congratulating the police and looking forward to a speedy return to normality.

Riots associated with the taxi dispute during the previous two days left two people dead and 38 injured. Thirty-seven taxi drivers have been arrested and more than a hundred taxis impounded. The drivers of 34 of them are unlikely to want to claim them as they have been found to have been stolen.

Monitors associated with the various bodies of peace observers at large in the country said that a "criminal element" had been involved in the violence in the city centre on Monday and Tuesday. The taxi drivers had mainly kept out of the disturbances, they claimed.

A number of taxi drivers were meeting leaders of the Confederation of South African Trade Unions, the militant black ally of the African National Congress, who are trying to take control of the dispute, saying that it had become totally undisciplined, and would damage their plans for an orderly series of demonstrations in a few weeks' time.

After a tense and angry meeting at which a list of demands was drawn up, the city council reported that no progress had been made in settling the dispute.



Township truce: a taxi driver appeals to police in Soweto when minivans were prevented from leaving the township yesterday. Road crossings were blocked in two days of demonstrations by striking drivers

Blacks wage cut-throat taxi war

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

THE taxi business for South Africa's blacks is a vibrant and volatile mix of hard-headed business drive and — literally — cut-throat competition. It has turned public transport on its head over the past decade.

Every day about 100,000 minibus taxis shuttle millions of people to and from the townships that, in apartheid's heyday, were located as far as possible from their jobs in white cities.

It is an industry with an estimated turnover of £90 million a year. When it comes to a halt, as it has in Johannesburg for the past three days, the impact is devastating. Many businesses in the city say that their turnover has been reduced by at least 50 per cent.

Until the early 1980s, the black commuters' only choice of transport was a packed train or a bone-shaking bus belonging to a private company heavily subsidised by the government, and the few black taxi drivers mostly operated illegally. Thanks to the former president, P.W. Botha, the public transport industry was deregulated.

In Pretoria, a group of taxi men got together and formed the South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta) which has grown into an organisation with five provincial, 40 regional and 300 local associations. It owns filling stations and has established its own insurance brokerage. In 1988 the association's officials addressed an American Congress committee, urging an end to economic sanctions.

About 60,000 drivers pay subscriptions to the association, but there are thousands of "pirates" without operating licences — and in many cases without driving licences — fighting for space on the ranks. As the recession worsens and unemployment grows, so competition for passengers has increased, ending frequently in gun fights and the burning of vehicles.

Although the association has condemned the action by taxi drivers in Johannesburg, its image has become tarnished. The government says the association should act to control the pirates. While the drivers complain of undue harassment by the traffic police, almost every road user in the country has horror stories to tell of close encounters of the life-threatening kind with speeding, badly driven minibuses. The accident rate is appalling. The Groote Schuur hospital in Cape Town said that minibus taxis had "become synonymous with reckless driving and unacceptably high accident statistics". In Soweto, they are known as Zola Budds after the South African runner who collided with America's Mary Dekker-Slaney at the 1988 Olympics.

France weighs up options as Zaire fighting rages on

BY SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT, AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

FRANCE, Belgium and America are considering a joint diplomatic initiative to end the strife in Zaire, where the fightings and reprisal killings continued yesterday after a week of looting by soldiers and the evacuation of thousands of foreigners escorted by French marines.

Louis Mermaz, a French government spokesman, said that Roland Dumas, the foreign minister, had told a cabinet meeting yesterday that France was considering plans with Belgium and America.

"A diplomatic initiative may be taken to recommend President Mobutu to return to the internal peace process," he quoted M Dumas as saying. The transitional government led by Etienne Tshisekedi, Marshal Mobutu's main enemy, had called on America, France and Belgium to intervene militarily to restore "order and security" in the country.

In Kinshasa, intense fighting erupted round the once luxurious radio and television complex as the presidential guard fought off what appeared to be an attempt to take over the state media.

The capital's main military base in Kokolo, close to the city centre, was also the scene of vicious clashes among members of Zaire's armed forces.

The upsurge in killing, which diplomats said yesterday coincided with summary execution of rioting regular soldiers by the presidential guard, shattered attempts to return to normal life after more than a week of violence. Last week's rioting began after the president paid his army in five-million zaire notes. The interim government had ordered a boycott of the currency, which it had declared illegal.

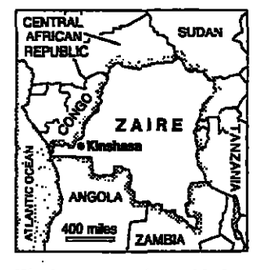
The interim government has been trying to rid the country of the autocratic and corrupt president who has ruled Zaire since 1965. Marshal Mobutu has used rioting troops several times over the past 18 months in order to throw the country into disarray and to confuse his opponents.

The first time he used the tactic was in September 1991 when he failed to pay the armed forces and set off a wave of rioting which forced the evacuation of 20,000 foreigners from Kinshasa much of which was reduced to rubble by looters in less than 24 hours. He used the technique again a month later and brought most of the country's industry and mining to a standstill.

Since then Zaire has drifted as a result of the division between the head of state and his prime minister. Most of the interior has been cut off from the capital and few towns have running water or electricity.

As the crisis in Zaire deepened yesterday it appeared as if this may be the final act in the president's career. Such an assessment may well underestimate his powers of survival and his ability, with the help of his own massive personal fortune, to buy off opponents.

Businessmen contacted in



Kinshasa yesterday said that the situation was deteriorating rapidly and regular troops battled with presidential guards. "We can hear heavy bombing and mortar fire from the centre of town," said one businessman.

Mr Tshisekedi's camp recently put the death toll of the recent violence at about 1,000, while a Belgian foreign ministry spokesmen said that it estimated that about 300 had been killed in the former Belgian colony.

"Dead and rotting soldiers litter the streets," said a source in Kinshasa.

The violence in Zaire is the worst for many years in a country whose birth as an independent state was marked by a bitter fighting between political and tribal rivals who used white mercenaries to boost their armies.

Supporters alarmed as Bhutto considers deal to win her husband's freedom



Bhutto: causing dismay within her own party

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN ISLAMABAD

Troubles are piling up for Benazir Bhutto, the former prime minister of Pakistan. The only good news on an otherwise bleak horizon is that her husband, Asif Zardari, could be released soon after 20 months in jail.

Miss Bhutto is thought to be discussing a peace deal with the government under which she will moderate criticism of the administration, particularly on foreign policy, in return for her husband's release.

Miss Bhutto, 39, is expecting her third child soon and is in London for medical tests. A senior government source said that Mr Zardari's detention, principally on corruption charges, appeared to have taken an emotional toll on her, hence the possibility of a pact between her and the government. Miss Bhutto denies that any deal has been discussed.

The likelihood of such an agreement has dismayed many of her supporters. It comes at a time of unprecedented criticism of Miss Bhutto from within her Pakistan People's Party. Members believe she is legitamising the government by her surprise acceptance of an offer to head the foreign relations committee of the National Assembly, which is thought to be part of the pact.

Her "long march" late last year, when she mobilised thousands of people and caused widespread disruption, only to abandon it abruptly, has been criticised for bringing no discernible benefit.

The United States is also disillusioned with Miss Bhutto and has sent signals of support to Mr Sharif. Even so, Pakistan is concerned that the Americans may have decided to distance themselves from Islamabad in order to strengthen ties with India as a counterweight to growing Chinese influence in the region.

Tension between Islamabad and Washington over Pakistan's nuclear programme appears to be worsening. Mr Sharif wants Miss Bhutto to present a united front with him over foreign policy as a way of resisting American pressure, and Mr Zardari's release appears to be the bait.

America, which is worried that Pakistan may export nuclear equipment and knowledge to Iran, suspended aid in 1990 over the nuclear question and Islamabad is worried that other donor countries may follow suit. Japan suspended aid last year and, although it is to release the money next month, may link future assistance to the nuclear issue.

Miss Bhutto has never been politically weaker. Her stock has fallen internationally and the army, which engineered her dismissal from power in 1990 on the grounds of incompetence, is reluctant to see her return to office.

In an unusually conciliatory statement, Miss Bhutto said recently: "Our doors are open for an honourable dialogue with the prime minister in the national interest." Government officials interpret the comment as a sign that she has come round to the idea of a deal.

Timor rebel's lawyer rejects authority of court

BY DAVID WATTS

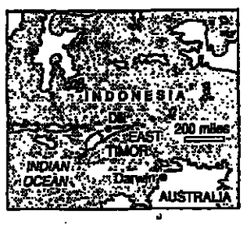
THE spectators at the packed trial of Xanana Gusmao, the East Timor resistance leader, were shocked yesterday when his defence lawyer told trial lawyers that they had no jurisdiction over the defendant and demanded both the dropping of all charges and his freedom.

"My argument is that de facto East Timor is part of Indonesia, but de jure it is not yet. The United Nations is still questioning this problem," Mr Xanana's lawyer said.

The leader of the Fretilin resistance movement is charged with leading a separatist movement, which carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment. He was a prize catch for the Indonesian authorities when they took him last November. Within days he was paraded on television and, obviously under duress, he called on his followers to give up the struggle that has kept the Jakarta government preoccupied militarily and diplomatically since Indonesia's invasion of East Timor in 1975.

Sudjono, the defence lawyer, said it was clear that Mr Xanana, 45, and his followers had campaigned for independence for East Timor. However, according to the Reuter dispatch from Dili, the capital of the former Portuguese colony, Sudjono added: "From the beginning, the Indonesian government was not recognised in the former Portuguese colony. Therefore, all the institutions there do not exist, including this court."

The UN does not recognise Jakarta's annexation of East Timor and Indonesia was denied leadership of the Non-Aligned Movement last year because of the continuing controversy over it.



The trial was open to the public, but limited to 98 people who had to register their names with the military. Those admitted to the trial were required to leave identification with security officers and have their belongings examined by X-ray.

Seven Portuguese journalists were allowed to cover the proceedings, including one from the national news agency, Lusa, who had been banned on Monday. They said they had been given tenday visas. About 100 policemen and soldiers, several with guard dogs, patrolled the streets outside the court, where several hundred people were gathered.

The more serious offence of possessing firearms illegally, which carries the death penalty, has been listed as a subsidiary charge, which has led many to believe that the Indonesian government was planning to avoid exacerbating the problems over East Timor by executing the guerrilla leader.

The lawyer's approach left many puzzled, because on Monday Mr Xanana said that he was an Indonesian citizen. Diplomats observing the trial had expected Mr Xanana to say that he was Portuguese and then go on to question an Indonesian court's jurisdiction over him.

The hearing, which is expected to last about two months, was adjourned until Saturday.

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Hamas confronts Israel with the fundamentals of despair



Shafi: no talks until the deportees return

BY RICHARD BEESTON

THE young Israeli soldier, his face just visible beneath a helmet and the collar of a flak jacket, gestured with his automatic rifle to the Palestinian car behind to keep its distance.

"If you come any closer than a few metres or try to overtake, they will shoot," said our guide from Gaza who, like scores of other Palestinian drivers, has learnt that these days it pays to keep a respectful distance from an Israeli army patrol.

Only a few months ago the Israelis would have been safe behind the thick perspex screens around their vehicles. For five years the screens have protected them from youths armed with stones, bottles and petrol bombs, until recently the mainstay of the intifada's arsenal. Now, however, when Israeli soldiers peer uneasily from the backs of their Jeeps, their main concern is that one day they might be staring down the barrel of an automatic rifle. In the space of less than two months, eight Israeli troopers have been shot dead by militant Islamic gunmen, who struck again this weekend when two members of the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, ambushed a three-man army patrol, leaving two Israelis dead and one injured.

The daring attack, inside one of the heavily protected Jewish settlements, prompted the Israeli authorities to renew the crackdown on their Muslim fundamentalist adversaries. According to Israeli security sources, more than 1,500 suspects belonging to Hamas and its fellow fundamentalists, Islamic Jihad (Holy War), have been detained over the past three months. In the most controversial decision of the six-month-old government of Yitzhak Rabin, 415 Palestinian militants were "banished" to a no man's land between Lebanon and Israel and, most recently, three Arab-Americans were detained for allegedly trying to fund and reorganise the banned groups in the occupied territories.

"They have certainly picked up a lot of the high-profile leaders, but they have not managed to penetrate the al-Qassim commando units," said one Palestinian, pointing out an elaborately hand-drawn poster by Hamas's military wing claiming responsibility for the weekend attack. "If the Israelis had managed to capture any of the people responsible for the ambushes, they would have made it public straight away, but we have heard nothing."

His scepticism about Israel's ability to control the fastest growing movement in the occupied territories seemed to be confirmed by a visit to the Islamic University of Gaza, a stronghold of Muslim fundamentalism, which has been closed on and off for most of the past five years.

"The largest number of deportees in Lebanon come from our university: 25 employees, including academics, and 22 members from the student body," said one university lecturer with undisguised pride that his former colleagues and pupils have been catapulted from semi-obscurity to become the latest heroes of the Palestinian uprising.



The widespread public support for the deportees and the group's successful attacks on the Israeli military have resulted in a sharp rise in the popularity of Hamas and its rejectionist ideology. According to Zeev Schiff, the respected Israeli military commentator, Shin Bet security officers are also concerned that Mr Rabin's offer on Monday to repatriate 100 Hamas deportees will further enhance the group's image in the occupied territories. "Security personnel also fear that Hamas will be strengthened and the PLO further weakened," he wrote in yesterday's Hebrew *Haaretz*.

Although fundamentalist groups have never mustered more than a third of Palestinian support, which is traditionally loyal to the secular factions of the PLO, today it is finding the most unlikely converts. Even Gaza's most respected leader, Dr Haidar Abdul Shafi, the head of the Palestinian delegation to the Middle East peace talks and a founder member of the mainstream PLO, has vowed that he will not return to the negotiating table until all the deportees have been brought home.

"Hamas is like a strong tree," said Nidal, a university student, who like many of his classmates identifies closely with Hamas's brand of militancy. "Cut off one leaf and five will grow in its place. They will never defeat us this way."

☐ **Marj az-Zahour:** Despite deteriorating conditions and bad weather, the deportees organised a demonstration in their makeshift camp to reject Israel's offer to repatriate a number of them and reduce the term of exile of others.

US lends Rabin a helping hand with peace plea to Arabs

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

■ **Mr Rabin threatens more deportations, yet even Israel wants a return to talks**

THE Clinton administration has begun pressing Arab states to resume Middle East peace talks, hoping in the process to relieve the pressure for United Nations punishment of Israel for refusing to take back all 396 Palestinian deportees immediately.

The administration sent messages to all the Arab participants in the peace process after Israel's offer on Monday to take back 100 of the deportees now but to leave the rest until the end of the year. It urged the Arabs to consider dates for resuming the talks which have been suspended since December. Warren Christopher, US Secretary of State, will urge them to make a response when he tours the Middle East in the second half of this month.

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, insisted yesterday that Israel retained the right to deport more Palestinians, raising the prospect that the whole affair could occur again. Speaking during a stormy session of the Knesset, Mr Rabin remained unrepentent about his decision on December 17 to deport the Palestinians, whom Israel alleges belong to two banned militant Islamic groups in the occupied territories.

The Arabs have condemned Israel's refusal to take back all the deportees now, as demanded by the UN, but the American administration is ignoring their criticism. Apparently it is warning them that resuming the talks represents their best chance of influencing Israeli policy.

Luring the Palestinians back to the table will be Mr Christopher's hardest task, but he is expected to impress upon them that staying away would antagonise the new Clinton administration and bolster Hamas, the extremist Islamic movement of which most of the deportees are claimed to be members. Hamas is competing with the Palestine Liberation Organisation for the main influence among the Palestinians of the occupied territories.

The State Department insists publicly that the Israeli compromise on Monday was a "breakthrough" that complied with UN demands and made UN sanctions unnecessary. It is not clear that other security council members share that view, but American officials are said to be confident that their efforts to restart the peace process will be sufficient for now to forestall further UN action.

In his Knesset speech, Mr Rabin, hoping to reassure his domestic audience that he was not buckling under international pressure, said: "The principle of our ability to remove for a limited time hundreds of inciters, leaders, organisers remains. I believe this decision was a correct one, an exceptional decision that in the last 20 years no government in Israel dared to take."

The tough statement came during the first parliamentary debate since Mr Rabin offered his compromise on Monday night. Although the American-brokered offer to take some of the Palestininas back now and the rest later was rejected out of hand by the Palestinians, who insisted that Israel must abide by UN Security Council Resolution 799 that calls for a full and immediate repatriation, the gesture nevertheless led to accusations from Israel's right-wing opposition that Mr Rabin was bowing to the new Clinton administration.

"You are a zigzag government," David Magen, a member of the opposition Likud party, said during yesterday's debate. "You take one step forward and two steps back, one step to the right and two steps to the left." Despite the noisy rhetoric, Israeli officials emphasised that the government had no plans for further deportations and that Mr Rabin now hoped to resume peace negotiations with its Arab neighbours.

The peace process, which has been deadlocked since the deportation crisis, could be revived during Mr Christopher's visit to the region.

Shimon Peres, Israel's foreign minister, predicted that the American administration would be able to pull the process out of its deadlock. "These are efforts that will take a few days, and I assume they will be quite tense, but the point is that the Arabs will all return to the negotiating table," he predicted.

Even if the Palestinian delegates to the negotiations do not resume the dialogue until all their banished countrymen are returned home, Israeli officials are gambling that the other parties at the negotiating table will be more flexible in their decisions.

"In spite of what is being said publicly, the distinct impression is that the Syrians are interested in getting the process going again and that the other parties, Jordan and Lebanon, will also come," a senior Israeli source said.



Bitter taste: two of the Palestinian deportees tasting some food they cooked yesterday on their open-air fire in no man's land

Clinton pays out for jobs package

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton and his economic team are putting together a much more ambitious economic recovery package than had been originally thought, with the immediate aim of creating 250,000 jobs.

The recovery programme stands at the top of the new president's political agenda and will come despite tentative signs that the American economy has begun to recover without any presidential help whatever.

Senior Democrat sources had hinted that the total value of the programme was going to be $31 billion (£21.5 billion), made up of tax credits and direct spending in roughly equal proportions. But there was considerable confusion yesterday over the precise amount after the White House confirmed the figure as being in the "ball park", whereas a senior cabinet member said no final decision had yet been made.

With two weeks to go before the president makes his State of the Union address, there is still plenty of room for surprises in each direction.

Bob Reich, the new labour secretary and one of the most influential members in the administration, said yesterday that no final decision has been made about the size of the programme. He added on US breakfast television that the package was in part "a signal to markets that indeed the administration is serious about doing whatever is necessary to get the jobs back, but it is also — very importantly — going to be labour-intensive. Wherever that money is going, it is going to create a multiplier-effect."

There has been encouraging statistical news this week about the American economy, most notably the 1.9 per cent rise in the leading indicator in December, the largest rise since 1983, and a surge in home sales. But as is almost always the case with an incipient economic recovery, it is more a statistical phenomenon than a "real world" change.

President Clinton himself expressed his frustration about the "twilight zone" of American economics when he told US governors on Monday that, "with all this so-called economic recovery of the last six months, we are not creating jobs yet".

It can be safely expected, therefore, that employment growth, as opposed to the more abstract notion of economic growth, will stand at the heart of his administration's economic policy.

Unless the president backtracks on any of these commitments, he will have little choice but to raise taxes, especially if he wants to keep his promise to cut the federal budget deficit by $145 billion from a present level of about $300 billion.

Washington is full of speculation about the prospect of tax increases. One of the options under discussion is a rise in the top rate of income tax from 31 per cent to 36 per cent for annual incomes that are over $200,000. Other options include a capping on mortgage tax relief, a rise in taxes on tobacco and alcohol, and higher taxes on foreign companies.

Political support also appears to be growing for a broad-based energy tax, which would have the double advantage of raising a considerable amount of money and satisfying a key demand from the environmental lobby. There is, however, much less support for a simple petrol tax, which Americans tend to regard as a "middle-class tax".

☐ **Gay housing:** President Clinton has nominated an openly lesbian politician for a top national housing post.

Roberta Achtenberg, 42, has been an active advocate of housing for homeless or low-income people and championed many homosexual and civil rights issues. Her appointment as assistant secretary for fair housing and equal opportunity at the Department of Housing and Urban Development is subject to confirmation by the US Senate.

Her nomination comes after a fierce controversy over Mr Clinton's pledge to end a ban on homosexuals in the military. Last week the president compromised with opponents of ending the ban and asked that it should be lifted at the end of a six-month review period.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* said last week that no openly homosexual person had undergone Senate confirmation for a post before and that some of Ms Achtenberg's supporters feared that Senate conservatives might question her selection.

Ms Achtenberg is a member of San Francisco's city council and a lawyer. She was an early backer of Mr Clinton during last year's presidential election campaign and her appointment to an administration post had been rumoured widely. *(Reuter)*

CIA may assist in industrial espionage

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

WITH the Cold war over, the CIA may turn its skills to helping America compete in the global market-place, even against allies. The Clinton administration is planning a thorough review to determine how far the agency should go in sharing commercial secrets with American companies.

The issue is "the hottest current topic in intelligence policy", said James Woolsey, nominated to be director of the CIA, during his Senate confirmation hearings.

A Washington lawyer, Mr Woolsey, 51, is the most conservative member of Mr Clinton's national security team. He has worked on both sides of the street politically, serving as under-secretary of the US Navy in the Carter administration and as an arms control negotiator for Presidents Reagan and Bush.

He takes over the CIA at a time when the government is under pressure from business organisations, which complain that America's competitors are aggressively pursuing economic espionage. Japan is thought to spend 80 per cent of its intelligence budget on gathering data on the West.

Mr Woolsey suggested that the CIA might help American companies by showing them how to defend themselves against foreign intelligence agencies. He was more cautious about sharing commercial secrets directly with the private sector, saying that the idea was "fraught with complexities".

Mr Woolsey's predecessor, Robert Gates, was strongly opposed to the notion, arguing that it was not the government's responsibility and would raise questions of fairness. He declared repeatedly: "The US intelligence community does not, should not, and will not engage in industrial espionage."

The question is what else should the CIA's 22,000 employees be doing. Plenty, according to Mr Woolsey, who told senators at the hearing: "We've slain a large dragon, but we now live in a jungle filled with a bewildering variety of poisonous snakes. In many ways, today's threats are harder to observe and understand than those once presented by the USSR."

Iranians dream of Shah's golden days

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN TEHRAN

Fourteen years to the week that Ayatollah Khomenei made his historic return from exile, the Islamic republic he founded is facing an economic crisis so severe that many Iranians have begun to speak openly of their nostalgia for the corrupt days of the Shah.

"At least then you could get a chicken to put on the family table without having to do three different jobs every day to pay for it," said a moonlighting civil servant about a food whose price has jumped more than 1,000 per cent.

Voicing complaints that can be heard all over Tehran, the care-worn government employee added: "The king's time was much better in terms of living conditions. Housing, food and freedom to enjoy your own way of life, that is what many people are grumbling about."

President Rafsanjani, the man charged to perform an economic miracle — he is reputed to spend two hours a day studying economic theory — admitted on Sunday it was common for state employees to have two or three jobs to make ends meet. He denied there was any desire to return to monarchy, describing the Iranian people as loyal.

The popular discontent that boiled over into rioting in at least three provincial centres last year is simmering only just below the surface. It has forced the government to abandon many proposed economic reforms such as the removal of more subsidies and the reduction of Iran's Kafkaesque foreign currency system to a single exchange rate. Such is the anger at living standards, estimated to have fallen 50 per cent since the Shah was toppled, that unprecedented anti-government graffiti have begun appearing on walls which in the past were the preserve of anti-American and anti-Zionist slogans.

"Good news everyone: there is no more room in Hell," said one message recently spray-painted on a wall in north Tehran and swiftly removed by the security forces anxious to prevent further unrest. "The mullahs have filled all the available places."

Critically short of hard currency and saddled with short-term foreign debts estimated at $35 billion (£24 billion), the economy is seen by Western analysts as posing a serious threat to stability if it is not soon rescued by a sudden jump in oil prices which few experts expect.

The late ayatollah once dismissed economics as "a matter for donkeys" and his hardline son, Ahmad, delivered a deeply conservative message when he addressed 100,000 Iranians at his father's shrine to open the 14th anniversary celebrations on Monday. A man who has frequently hit out at the notion of "Islamic capitalism", a code word for those in favour of economic liberalism, the younger Khomenei told the crowd that, if they lost their Islamic identity, "you will be westoxicated and westoxication is like being hit by flood."

At the centre of the economic storm, President Rafsanjani has this week seen the budget lambasted by radicals as a threat to the underprivileged. Critics say it will further push up inflation, running at 40 per cent. A master politician, the president has so far survived with his reputation relatively unscathed. But many of his followers believe that a showdown with the economic diehards is vital for Iran's future if, as widely expected, he secures a second term in the June 11 election.

Top Briton at UN rewarded with fresh challenge

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BRITAIN'S top official at the United Nations, who has run the organisation's burgeoning peacekeeping operations for the past seven years, was yesterday reassigned to a high-profile political post that will give him a key role in setting UN policy on conflicts throughout Europe, Asia and Latin America.

Marrack Goulding, 53, a former British ambassador to Angola who is known for his schoolmasterly manner, was Margaret Thatcher's nominee to replace Sir Brian Urquhart, one of the founding fathers of the UN, as under secretary-general for political affairs in 1986.

Without Sir Brian's institutional power base, Mr Goulding was soon deprived of sensitive political portfolios and was limited to the UN's increasingly onerous peacekeeping duties, which won the Nobel Peace Prize under his stewardship in 1988. Over the past year, however, Mr Goulding has won the confidence of Boutros Boutros Ghali, the secretary-general, with his handling of key peacekeeping operations in Cambodia and the former Yugoslavia.

As a result, Dr Boutros Ghali announced yesterday that Mr Goulding would reclaim the political responsibilities he lost after taking over from Sir Brian and be relieved of his peacekeeping role. Mr Goulding will replace Vladimir Petrovsky as under secretary-general for political affairs, the same title he had when he first joined the organisation. He will head the UN political affairs department with James Jonah of Sierra Leone, who is responsible for Africa and the Middle East.

Mr Goulding's successor as the under secretary-general of peacekeeping will be his deputy, Kofi Annan from Ghana, who is considered an able administrator. Mr Petrovsky, an architect of the pro-UN policy of the former Soviet Union under Mikhail Gorbachev, is to replace Antoine Blanca of France as the official in charge of the UN office in Geneva.

UN sources speculated that Dr Boutros Ghali wanted to enhance the political department with Mr Goulding, feeling he might have more success than the present head. Although Mr Petrovsky is a respected diplomat, officials said his nationality often worked against him in negotiations.

Others believed that mounting pressure for the UN to use limited military force entered into Dr Boutros Ghali's thinking in the naming of a new peacekeeping chief.

Under a tacit understanding, the five permanent members of the security council — the United States, Britain, France, Russia and China — each hold an under secretary-general's post.



Goulding: he will take on a key role setting United Nations policy in conflicts in Europe and Asia

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Owen ready to redraw Bosnian map if US accepts peace plan

BY JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE

■ A sceptical America is under pressure to endorse the Bosnia carve-up. The mediators will even slice off more Serb territory

THE architects of the Bosnian peace plan have told America that their new map of Bosnia could be altered to ease American fears, as Washington comes under intense pressure from Europe and the United Nations to accept the scheme.

The Clinton administration is concerned that the map drafted by Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance dividing Bosnia between Muslims, Serbs and Croats rewards Serbs with territory seized through "ethnic cleansing".

Britain, China, Russia and France have made clear to Washington that they oppose lifting the UN arms embargo on the Muslim-led Bosnian government. The other four permanent members of the UN Security Council have told America that they fear a relaxation of the embargo — an option under review by the Clinton administration — would widen the war.

Possible changes to the Vance-Owen map include transferring a sparsely populated Serb area north of Sarajevo that now falls in what would be a predominantly Muslim province to the Serbs, in return for a Muslim area near Bihac. The two negotiators insist, however, that the Serbs will not be given a corridor of territory linking Serbia with the Serb-controlled Krajina in Croatia. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, has been pressing America to accept the Vance-Owen plan in telephone calls to President Clinton and Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State.

Denmark, which holds the European Community presidensy, added to the pressure when it issued a warning that the conflict would worsen if the plan was not adopted. Niels Helveg Petersen, the foreign minister, said the EC had thrown its weight behind the proposal.

Britain dismissed as flawed the French proposal for 20,000 Western troops to throw a military ring round the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo. The French suggestion, for 5,000 French, 5,000 British and 10,000 American troops to push Serb forces from the hills around Sarajevo, is aimed at pressing Bosnia's warring factions to accept a negotiated settlement. A British spokesman said: "The major flaw of the French plan is that America has made it plain there will be no US military intervention on the ground. The French seem to be doing some contingency planning in case the Vance-Owen plan is seen to be bankrupt. We think America is going to endorse the Vance-Owen plan. We have been putting right misconceptions about 'rewarding' Serbs with territory. Under the plan, the Serbs get 43 per cent of Bosnia's territory, which is about right for their population and the territory they held before the war began."

Lord Owen and Mr Vance believe that, if the United States makes clear it will not take military action to support the Bosnian Muslims or act to lift the arms embargo, the Muslim-led government in Sarajevo will accept their peace plan.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, left Belgrade last night to discuss the peace plan in New York.

☐ **Freelance warning:** British soldiers in Bosnia are having to put their lives at risk to rescue maverick "do-gooders" operating independently of the main aid agencies, Baroness Chalker told MPs yesterday. The overseas aid minister warned the Commons foreign affairs select committee that freelance aid convoys were driving out to Bosnia without adequate equipment or knowledge of the terrain.



Court comrades: three alleged 1991 Soviet coup plotters looking happy in Moscow despite a pending trial for high treason. From the left are Yuri Plekhanov, Oleg Shenin and Gennadi Yanaev, all former high-ranking officials

Birth rate falls in cash-strapped Moscow

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

THE staff of Moscow's Maternity Hospital No.32 are enjoying the rest. When I visited it, there were only seven babies and Nadezhda Nikolaevna Butko, the director, was able to give the squalling creatures her personal attention.

Russians are having fewer children. Dr Butko said that five years ago the clinic oversaw some 3,500 births every year; last year there were only 1,400. She herself could not dream of having a second child on a doctor's salary.

As Russian living standards have declined, so has the population. It has fallen by 70,000 in the past year. The number of births per thousand population fell to only 11 in 1991, a drop of 11 per cent on the previous year, while the death rate increased by 5 per cent to 12 per thousand.

Nikolai Vaganov, the deputy health minister, said last month that the death rate may in fact be higher, because babies who die at birth are often not registered. Mr Vaganov said, if Russia followed international statistical rules, it could raise the infant mortality figures by 20 per cent, placing Russia in 40th place in the world. This would also bring Russian life expectancy down to 68 years, the level of 1960.

Russian warplane firm to be sold

FROM AP IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S Sukhoi aircraft company, producer of some of the world's top combat jets, will become a private firm within three years under the government's privatisation programme, the *Commersant* business newspaper reported yesterday.

Sukhoi will be the first big weapons manufacturer to be privatised, the newspaper said. The Moscow-based company, named after Pavel Sukhoi, the late Soviet aircraft designer, has been one of Russia's leading jet makers since the second world war.

Sukhoi, with the rival Mikoyan-Gurevich firm, which makes MiG jets, supplied most of the former Soviet air force. Sukhoi's Su25 attack bombers were a mainstay of the Soviet forces in the Afghan war, and the Su27 is considered one of the most advanced fighters in the world. The company has also exported its planes, most recently sending 30 Su27s to China last year.

Since Sukhoi's plants are still secret and considered vital to Russia's security, the company is to be privatised gradually. *Commersant* said that initially the state property committee will hold a 50 per cent interest in the firm — with employees and management holding the rest — but it will sell it to private investors over the next two years.

Interest-free loan for Bérégovoy ruffles Socialists

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

NEW woes beset France's beleaguered Socialist government yesterday after Pierre Bérégovoy, the prime minister and campaign leader for next month's elections, acknowledged that he had received a £22,000 interest-free loan from a financier charged with insider dealing.

M Bérégovoy denied any impropriety over the loan, which he used to buy his Paris flat, but its disclosure is a heavy blow to his party, given the financial scandals that have tainted its image over the past three years.

M Bérégovoy, 66, was appointed by President Mitterrand last May to restore confidence in his administration. He proclaimed war on corruption and pushed through legislation, subsequently watered down by parliament, designed to curb illicit electoral donations. As the relatively popular "Mr Clean" of the government, M Bérégovoy was entrusted by M Mitterrand with heading the parliamentary election campaign.

A poll released yesterday, taken before the Bérégovoy loan became public, indicated that the opposition conservative and centrist parties were set to take 445 parliamentary seats in the general election, compared with 82 for the Socialists, the party which has held power for ten of the past 12 years.

"It was a private arrangement, a friendly loan," M Bérégovoy said after *Le Canard Enchaîné*, the satirical weekly, reported a judge's discovery earlier this week that the late Roger-Patrice Pelat had given M Bérégovoy the funds in 1986. M Pelat was a close friend of M Mitterrand and spent so much time at the Elysée palace he was jokingly dubbed "vice-president".

M Bérégovoy said he had declared the loan to the tax authorities and had repaid it in full in 1989. However, judicial sources said that M Pelat's sons told investigators this week that full repayment was made made late last year, in the form of a cheque, valuable books and works of art.

M Bérégovoy said he had given no favour in return to M Pelat, who was charged with insider dealing before his death in 1989. He was accused of buying a large number of shares in the American firm Triangle Industries in 1988, just before it was bought up by the state-owned company Pechiney. A report by an investigating judge to the public prosecutor last week said Alain Boublil, the head of M Bérégovoy's office at the finance ministry, had tipped off M Pelat. M Boublil is awaiting trial with eight others.



Bérégovoy: leading the war against corruption

NEWS IN BRIEF

US court picks King jurors

New York: Jury selection in the federal trial of four white policemen accused of beating Rodney King, a black motorist, started yesterday, after a district judge in Los Angeles rejected requests to postpone the trial because of rising racial tensions in the city (Ben Macintyre writes).

The acquittal of the four officers on most charges after the state trial last April led to widespread rioting and more than 50 deaths.

Pope's warning

Cotonou, Benin: The Pope, starting an African tour that will take him to the Islamic stronghold of Sudan, said that predominantly Muslim countries had no right to force Islamic law on people of other religions. *(Reuter)*

Facing trial

Katowice: Poland's former interior minister, General Czeslaw Kiszczak, will go on trial next month over the police killing of nine miners at the start of martial law in 1981, local prosecutors said. *(Reuter)*

Appeal denied

New York: The New York state appeals court has denied the Rev Al Sharpton, the flamboyant civil rights preacher, the right to appeal against a 45-day sentence in connection with a street protest he mounted in 1987.

Gays' victory

Gibraltar: After a decade of campaigning by gay and human rights groups, Gibraltar has legalised homosexual acts between consenting adults aged 18 or more.

Berlin's Garnett hits a nerve

FROM PATRICK MOSER IN BONN

FRIEDHELM Motzki, a flabby west German pensioner who rants endlessly against the Ossis (east Germans), pines for the Berlin Wall and professes no great love of foreigners, has hit a raw nerve in Germany.

He is the main character in a new sitcom whose style would be familiar to British viewers who remember Alf Garnett. The unpleasant widower unleashed a storm of controversy yesterday, with politicians warning of a further deterioration of frail German social unity and eastern Germans complaining about hurtful insults.

Motzki made his debut on the German television ARD channel on Tuesday night, emerging from the lavatory, trousers down and toilet roll in hand, heaping abuse on neighbours, left-wingers and easterners. For 30 minutes, he heaped abuse on "that Ossi pack". On November 9, 1989 — "that dark day in history" when the Berlin Wall came down — "I knew that rabble wanted to get to our wallets", the widower said. If Motzki had his way, east Germans would wear badges identifying their origins.

If Friedhelm Ost, a former government spokesman, had his way, Motzki — also the name of the series, written by west German Wolfgang Menge — will die prematurely. Like several other politicians, the parliamentarian from Helmut Kohl's Christian Democratic Union demanded that ARD-German TV immediately halt the series, which is scheduled for a 13-week run. "Motzki divides. [The series] is a shot against solidarity among Germans," the deputy said.

Harry Schmidt, 58, a caretaker in the eastern German city of Rostock, was quoted by *Bild Zeitung* as saying: "I am extremely angry against television. After all, we east Germans are no Kanakas," he said using an abusive slang term for foreigners.

Reactions from viewers show clearly that Motzki may be irritating but is instantly recognisable. An outraged west Berliner called a local radio station to vent his anger, saying that "there are already enough Motzkis in the streets, why show something like that on television?" The Berlin radio station, which ran a poll among its listeners, said that Motzki had few allies, particularly in the east.

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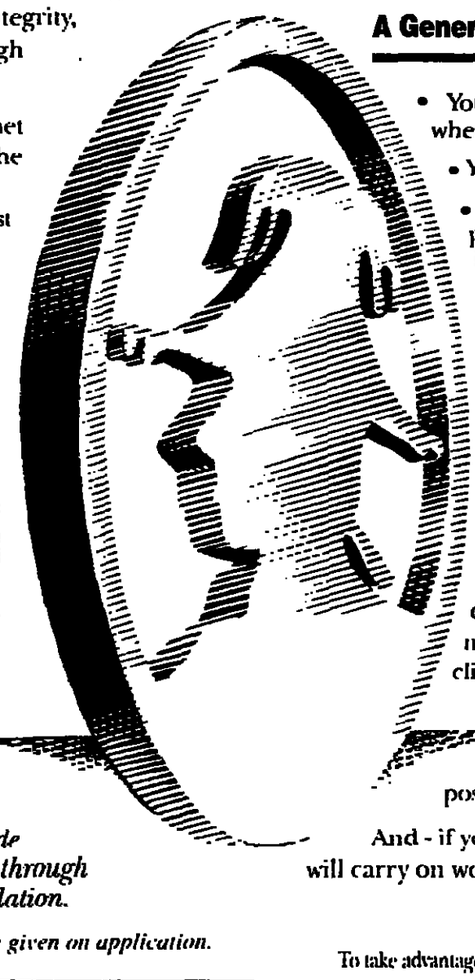
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The Balkan peace plan designed by Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance has a great stumbling block ...

Broking peace with peacebreakers

LORD OWEN and Cyrus Vance are presenting their Bosnian peace plan to the United Nations Security Council this week, hoping that it will gain acceptance as the only way out of the Balkan crisis. But the frailty of the plan is obvious when the motives and personalities of the potential signatories are examined.

The puppet masters — Franjo Tudjman and Slobodan Milosevic, the presidents of Croatia and Serbia — see merits in the plan only so far as it brings them closer to a territorial carve-up of Bosnia.

At the battlefront, the Serbian warlords want to carry on waging war, partly because they are still seeking a Greater Serbia, but chiefly because, for them, war has become the norm. They can no longer imagine life without a battlefield.

As for Alija Izetbegovic, the president of Bosnia, he is torn between resisting the Owen-Vance plan because it is too generous to the Serbs, and accepting it as the only clear affirmation that his state still exists.

The collapse of former Yugoslavia can be blamed to a large degree on a failure of leadership. The psychiatrists, supermarket managers and cooks who have emerged as the leading players have proved unable to take the imaginative leap needed to organise an orderly exit out of Tito's Yugoslavia. Ancient hatreds were bound to surface when communist rule collapsed. But the shift from ethnic friction to all-out war could have been avoided had the leaders been of higher calibre. These men have now been summoned to New York to secure at least a minimal consensus on a future map of Bosnia. Yet it is unlikely that they will honour any accord. To have the delicate porcelain of peace in Europe in such slippery hands is not reassuring.

Much depends on personal dynamics. Lord Owen will have to reassure the Bosnian Muslims that there is life after the plan. The Bosnian government wants to see the map backed by a credible threat of western force and by foreign troops on the ground. This will only happen if America can be convinced of the merits of the plan. And that, in turn, depends on the very personal links between Mr Vance and his protégé, Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, and between Mr Christopher and Bill Clinton, the American president.

The relationship between Mr Milosevic and *his* protégé, Radovan Karadzic, is also critical: the Bosnian Serbs will be at best reluctant signatories. What can Mr Milosevic promise them in return for compliance?

And when this carousel has spun its course, the men outside the peace process will undoubtedly have their say. There are generals and would-be generals who can quickly become heroes by shooting holes in the Owen-Vance plan, and who gain nothing by obeying it.

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Balkans' most hated man

Milosevic may yet gain most from the peace, as from the war

In the West these days, Slobodan Milosevic, the president of Serbia, is regarded as the Saddam Hussein of the Balkans: cunning, ruthless and above all a survivor. Lawrence Eagleburger, the acting Secretary of State in the first months of the Bush administration, placed him among a group of people in former Yugoslavia whom he labelled "war criminals".

It is ironic to recall now that Mr Milosevic was seen as one of the able, up-and-coming liberals at the start of the post-Tito era in the early 1980s. At that time, Ivan Stambolic, the party boss in Serbia, was grooming youngish reform-minded officials, Mr Milosevic among them, to replace the untalented time-servers Tito had placed in charge of the party after the purge in 1972.

It was Mr Eagleburger, then the American ambassador in Belgrade, who took Mr Milosevic under his wing. His appointment to the post of president of the Serbian party in 1986 was seen by Yugoslavia-watchers in Belgrade as something of a coup for the cause of political and economic reform and modernisation in Yugoslavia.

Mr Milosevic was a quiet party apparatchik who, uncharacteristically for a member of the fast-living Yugoslav party *nomenklatura*, lived in a modest Belgrade apartment with his wife Mirijana (herself a keen party activist), worked hard as head of one of the big Belgrade banks, and played his political cards extremely close to his chest.

Not long after taking up his party appointment, he demonstrated his ability to act quickly and to surprise. In April 1987, while on a visit to Kosovo, once the centre of Serbia's medieval state but now with an Albanian majority, he shook the Belgrade party establishment by openly aligning himself with Serbian nationalism. At a public meeting he promised local Serbs, who had been clamouring for protection from alleged persecution by the Albanians, that "nobody would ever beat them again". He thus overturned decades of Titoist consensus whereby party officials in each republic kept their nationalists in check, and so instantly earned himself an ecstatic poem in a Belgrade nationalist newspaper.

Later on that year Mr Milosevic won the support of another important constituency. The police and the army, the conservatives in the party, had been clamouring for a tightening of the party's hold on power. Mr Milosevic carried out a drastic purge of liberals and technocrats in the Serbian party, including the Belgrade party secretary, Dragisa Pavlovic, who had dared to criticise his Kosovo speech. Mr Stambolic, the man who gave Mr Milosevic his party post, was dropped a little later.

Mr Milosevic consolidated his power throughout Serbia by staging a series of mass meetings in 1988 and 1989 as part of a "cultural revolution" not unlike those in China and Romania. This included Kosovo and Vojvodina, the other autonomous province, both of which he stripped of their autonomy. A campaign orchestrated from Serbia brought to power his henchmen in the tiny neighbouring Montenegro.

The alliance of conservatives and nationalists which Mr Milosevic so skilfully and quickly forged has been his power-base ever since. His ostentatious non-intellectualism strengthens his populist appeal. This man — who is actually not a Serb but a Montenegrin, and whom Serbs do not always regard with the warmest brotherly feelings — presents himself as a traditional Serb *vozhd* (leader): stern, remote, proud, cunning, unpredictable and at times extremely cruel — but only towards enemies of the Serbs: the Albanians, Croats, Bosnian Muslims, Germans, and latterly the West as well.

Mr Milosevic comes from an extremely disturbed family background. His father, a defrocked Serbian Orthodox priest, committed suicide when his son was a small boy. Like Hitler, Mr Milosevic deliberately uses his neurotic temperament to unsettle visitors, especially those from the West, by alternating abuse with amiability.

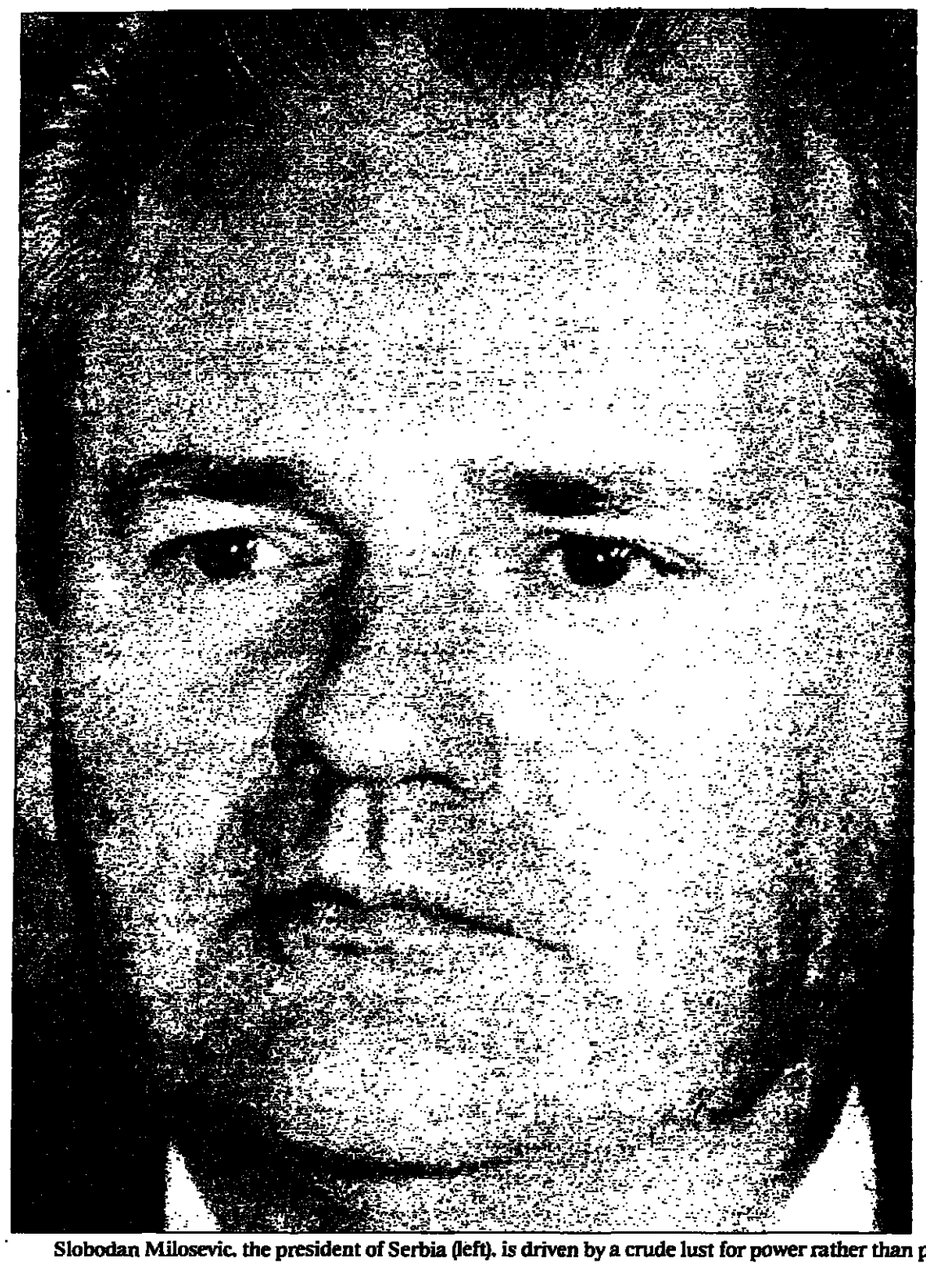
> Will the West eventually give in and reward the warmaker?

Power, rather than ideology, nationalism or glory, is the mainspring of Mr Milosevic's career. This gives him considerable tactical advantage, enabling him to be as flexible and pragmatic as he needs to be — rather as Stalin was. He stands head and shoulders above his rivals in strength, not only in Serbia but in the whole of the former Yugoslavia. And he has proved more than a match for a succession of Western politicians and diplomats. One of Mr Milosevic's most remarkable feats has been to start and prosecute barbarous wars in Croatia and Bosnia, but at a remove, sending in others such as Arkan and Seselj to do the dirty work, while he himself pretends to be above it all.

He is unpopular with some Serbian intelligentsia, especially in Belgrade, who see clearly the price Serbia will eventually have to pay for his policies. But many Serbs, do not yet have that insight — not least because the wars in Croatia and Bosnia have not crossed over into Serbia.

Mr Milosevic obtained a sufficiently large majority at the election last December to stay in power, and seems as firmly in the saddle as ever, although it has to be said that regimes like his have a way of collapsing with their ruler if something should happen to him. Fear of such a collapse leading to anarchy and civil war may indeed be one of the props of the Milosevic regime, and one of the reasons why he has not groomed a successor. And so, for the moment at any rate, Slobodan Milosevic is still calling the shots.

It would be ironic — as well as an outrage in the eyes of all the many victims of his aggressions — if the West ended up honouring and rewarding him for helping to bring to a close wars he himself unleashed on his neighbours and on his sadly deluded people.





Slobodan Milosevic, the president of Serbia (left), is driven by a crude lust for power rather than principle, while Franjo Tudjman, the president of Croatia, is prepared to play the nationalist tune

Father-figure for the Croats

A former Tito general, Tudjman is a cautious but committed nationalist

Franjo Tudjman's victory in Croatia's first multi-party election in April-May 1990, at the age of 68, came as a surprise to many. The new president was a little-known former Tito general who had, in mid-life, exchanged a military career for that of a historian and politician.

The expected inheritors of power at the end of Communist rule in post-Tito Yugoslavia were the popular and liberal leaders of the so-called "Croatian Spring" purged by Tito two decades before.

But when it came to the election Mr Tudjman's hastily put together, but well organised party, the Croatian Democratic Union, won 42 per cent of the popular vote and almost two-thirds of seats in the Croatian parliament. Mr Tudjman had stolen a march on his rivals by appealing, unambiguously, to Croatian nationalism.

It was the nationalist tune, banned for so many years in Yugoslavia (particularly in the repressive 1970s and 1980s) that the Croats apparently wanted to hear. This was particularly true of Croats living in exile in America, Canada and Australia who provided Mr Tudjman with financial support.

Born and brought up in Zagorje, a Croatian region north of Zagreb where his father was a leading member of the Croatian Peasant Party, he had joined the partisans when he was 19 in 1941, right at the start of the struggle against the Germans and the Italians and their domestic allies. In Croatia it was the notorious Ustasa regime of Ante Pavelic which perpetrated genocide against Croatia's Jews and Serbs and was responsible for the deaths of many thousands of its Croat opponents.

While working in Belgrade after the war (first in the Higher Military Academy and then in the Ministry of Defence), Mr Tudjman became aware that systematic attempts were being made in official circles to identify the Croat people as a whole with the Pavelic regime. Mr Tudjman's passionate defence of the Croat side produced the first accusations of "nationalist deviation".

What made Mr Tudjman notorious, however, was his attempt to dispute the official figure of 700,000 (or even more) killed in the wartime Ustasa concentration camp in Jasenovac. The fact that the majority of the Jasenovac camp victims were Serbs was being used by Serb nationalists not only as a measure of Croatia's wartime guilt but also as evidence of the "genocidal" character of the Croat people as a whole.

In 1961 Mr Tudjman left the army with the rank of major-general and in 1963 became the director of the Institute for Party History in Zagreb. In 1967 he was expelled from the party and dismissed from the institute for signing a declaration protesting against the policy of forced unification of the Croat and Serb literary languages.

During the post-1972 period he was twice imprisoned for counter-revolutionary activity. By then he had become convinced that Croatia should press for full independence.

After the 1990 election, Mr Tudjman surprised many by adopting a more conciliatory stance on the issue of independence from Yugoslavia than, for example, the neighbouring Slovenia. But his party's nationalist rhetoric as well as his own initial refusal to endorse the Serbs' traditional special place in the Croat constitution, inflamed Serb opinion in Croatia and played into the hands of the organisers of the August 1990 rebellion against Croatia in certain Serb-majority districts, notably Knin. The Yugoslav army backed that rebellion.

Mr Tudjman's conduct of 1991 war in Croatia against the combined forced of the Yugoslav army and the Serb

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THE BREAKER OF PROMISES AND THE YES MAN

DR RADOVAN Karadzic, 47, the leader of the Bosnian Serbs, is again under pressure to sign a document — the first stage of the Owen-Vance plan — that he has little intention of honouring. The psychiatrist-turned-politician has a record of flouting cease-fires and going back on promises.

He also has a strange way with the truth. Last November he denied that Sarajevo was under Serbian siege, this at a time when some 2,000 people in the city had already been killed by the Serbian bombardment.

Certainly he is a complex man. He was once the medical advisor to the Sarajevo football squad, and is almost as fanatical about the game as he is about war. He also writes epic poetry about the bravery of the Serbian mountain folk. In an odd fashion this profusion of roles does make some kind of sense. He believes in war as a test of masculine endeavour; football matches and poetic heroes are part of the same spectrum.





Hard men: Radovan Karadzic (left) and Mate Boban

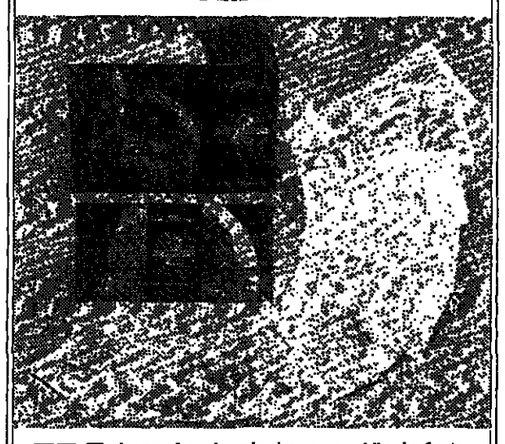
MATE Boban, 52, the supermarket manager turned ruler of a large chunk of Bosnia, is the creation of his mentor, the Croatian president Franjo Tudjman. He signed the Owen-Vance peace plan as ordered, and will continue to nod enthusiastically until told not to by Zagreb.

Mr Boban's little principality is the rugged, mountainous terrain of Western Herzegovina. The territory has always been peopled by very chauvinist Croats, and has become something of a stamping ground for the black-shirted HOS (Croatian defence force). Since HOS and its political wing pose a direct right-wing challenge to Mr Tudjman, Zagreb needed its man in Herzegovina. Mr Boban was the ideal candidate.

He has no great respect for the Bosnian authorities. He does not swallow the HOS gospel — that the Bosnians are essentially Croats and that the republic belongs as a whole to Great Croatia — but he behaves with HOS-like contempt for the local Muslims. For the time being, that is enough to fend off rightist criticism of Mr Tudjman. But if the Owen-Vance plan is agreed, Mr Boban may well be replaced.

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The leader caught without a land

Bosnia's president refuses to choose between the enemies on either side

Alija Izetbegovic, the Bosnian president, is the lost leader of a lost state. He sits at a big desk in a grand office in Sarajevo and sends orders into a void. In one drawer there is a Muslim prayer bead, in another a pistol. Outside the door there are three guards, and on the corner of each long corridor in the presidential palace there is another sentry with a walkie-talkie. It is difficult to shrug off the impression that he is more of a prisoner than a governor. Sarajevo has been destroyed as the administrative hub of Bosnia, and Mr Izetbegovic's job is a sham.

Choosing between the leaders of Serbia and Croatia, says Mr Izetbegovic, is "a choice between leukaemia and a brain tumour". The image may be crude, the tone bitter, but there is no doubting his conviction that a deal with either neighbour could be fatal for Bosnia.

It will take a great deal to convince the 67-year-old politician and lawyer that the plan sponsored by the UN and the EC does not betray the Bosnian Muslims. The one great merit of the Owen-Vance plan as far as Mr Izetbegovic is concerned is that it still recognises Bosnia-Herzegovina as an independent sovereign state. Few western politicians nowadays do more than pay lip-service to that idea.

He carries himself with some dignity. A child of middle-class parents, he is steeped in the culture of Sarajevo and the old, proud Bosnia. Most Bosnian Muslims are city folk, most Bosnian Serbs are hillbillies; the siege of Sarajevo is the revenge of the rural disadvantaged on the metropolitan and their privileges.

The young Izetbegovic never took Titoist Bosnia at face value, and was arrested at the age of 20. He had started his law studies in Sarajevo and was denounced by a police informer as being a member of a conspiratorial group of Bosnian Muslims opposed to Tito. It is hard to determine how far these charges were trumped up: perhaps he had merely expressed an indiscreet opinion or two. In any case, after three years in jail he emerged as a concerned anti-communist. He was allowed to qualify as a lawyer but did not interrupt his dissident activities.

By the age of 35 he could almost be termed an Islamic fundamentalist. There was nothing crazed about this: it was merely a recognition of how deeply Tito had failed Bosnia. Under the Ottomans, Bosnian Slav aristocrats converted to Islam to hang on to their estates. Part of the peasantry followed suit. But what had started as a pragmatic gesture, had over the centuries become a curious Bosnian blend of devotion and sacrilege. Under Tito, Bosnian Muslims drank alcohol, ate pork, bent the rituals to their convenience - but prayed in the mosques. Mr Izetbegovic argued that some rigour had to be injected into the practice of the faith if the term Bosnian Muslim was to have any meaning. Since adherence to Islam defined the Bosnian citizen, he argued, strict duties and obligations should be set — otherwise Croats or Serbs would be able to claim that there was really no such thing as a Bosnian.

Mr Izetbegovic's credo was set out in the early 1970s in the "Islamic Declaration". Nowadays parts of this are quoted by Serb and Croatian apologists to show that he has always wanted to create a fundamentalist Islamic state in the Balkans; that he is a dangerous man. One fragment does indeed hold up Pakistan as a model for Bosnia, but it is not a programmatic or fanatical work. It simply thinks aloud about the problems of nationhood and religion.

That was enough, though, for Mr Izetbegovic to be arrested again. In 1983 the "Islamic Declaration" and other works were quoted against him by the secret police and he was sentenced to 14 years' jail for "Islamic propaganda". He served more than five years of the sentence, and the term transformed him from a thinking dissident into an active politician.

By the time he left prison in 1988, Yugoslav communism had buckled. It was a time of rapid readjustment. The first step was to create a proper system of parties to replace communist rule. Mr Izetbegovic became president of the SDA, the Party of Democratic Action, which in the first multi-party elections, in 1990, won almost the entire Muslim vote.

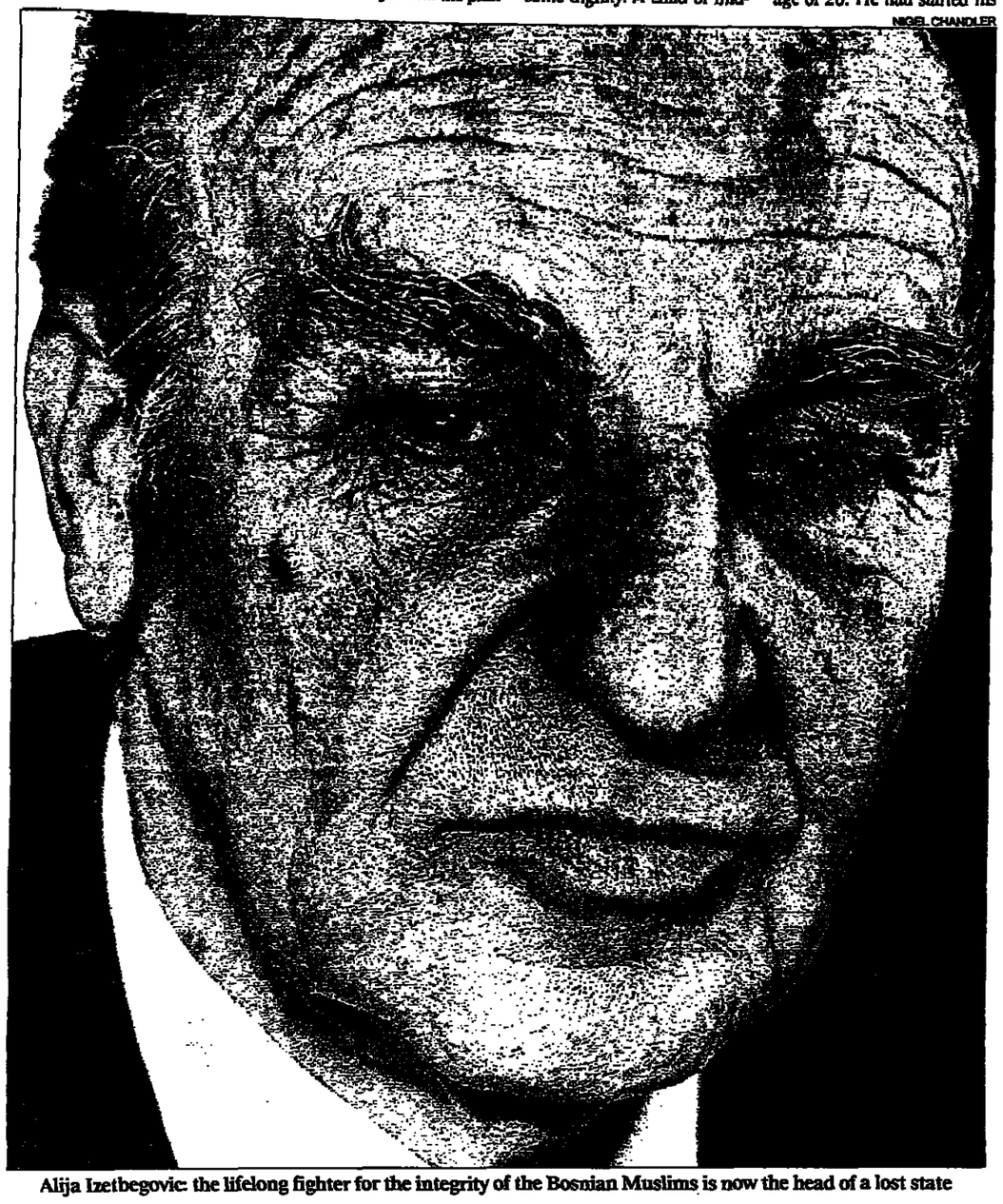
Mr Izetbegovic did not respond well to the challenges of office. Former dissidents do not necessarily make good leaders. When the Serbs declared their own Bosnian republic, he shrugged it off and merely slapped their knuckles; when the Yugoslav army mobilised within Bosnia, he generously invited them to stay and promised to pay the salaries of the generals. "Wily old fox!" exclaimed foreign and even a few Bosnian observers. But he was not. He had misread the signals. The Croatian president Franjo Tudjman was calculating that a wider war could be averted if Bosnia was shared out between Serbs and Croats. The Serbs meanwhile were pursuing their dream of a Greater Serbia. For both sides, the survival of Bosnia was an irrelevance.

> He emerged an angry man from his 24 hours as a hostage

One incident changed the thinking of the Bosnian leader. In May 1992, the Yugoslav army in Sarajevo — irritated by a Muslim attack on a military convoy — captured Mr Izetbegovic as he returned from EC peace talks and held him hostage for 24 hours. After UN and EC mediation, the president was freed, but he emerged as an angry man.

Mr Izetbegovic has always had a melancholy streak, but until this incident it was balanced with an almost boyish freshness and a seemingly unsinkable belief in human dignity. Since the kidnap, and after nine months of s bombardment, the melancholy is dominant.

The Owen-Vance plan promises him a state, but a glance at the map shows only three ink blobs in a country dominated by Serbs and Croats. No wonder then that the Bosnian leader is depressed; he has lost much and can win little.



NIGEL CHANDLER

Alija Izetbegovic: the lifelong fighter for the integrity of the Bosnian Muslims is now the head of a lost state

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irregulars, during which one-third of Croatia was occupied, remains controversial. According to the critics, he relied too much on negotiation with the army thus leaving Croatia unprepared.

Even more controversial has been his policy towards Bosnia which has exposed him internationally to the charge of being anti-Muslim and of acting as Mr Milosevic's accomplice in the attempt to carve up Bosnia. Mr Tudjman seems to be fascinated with Mr Milosevic, who has on several occasions lured him into talks that have blown up in Croatia's face.

Mr Tudjman's backing for the Owen-Vance plan reflects the strong influence of the so-called "Herzegovina lobby" on his Bosnian policy. Croats from that region (among them Mate Boban), who hold influential positions in Mr Tudjman's party and government and in the Croatian army, have done well under the plan and are, so far, the only ones to have accepted it in full.

Mr Tudjman's caution, a hallmark of his policy in power, is again much in evidence. His actions now against certain Serb positions in the so-called "pink" zones outside the areas covered by UN Protection Forces in Croatia (UNPROFOR) are a response to his critics as well as a signal to UNPROFOR to get its act together but probably not an early notice of an all-out war to liberate occupied Croat territories.

Worryingly, Mr Tudjman's autocratic tendencies in internal politics and his extreme sensitivity to any form of criticism — public or even private — have become more pronounced since his and his party's electoral victory in July 1992. Croatia's fragmented opposition has been unable to capitalise on the population's growing disenchantment with Mr Tudjman's party (though not yet, apparently, with him).

It seems that Croatia prefers for the moment to be led by a stern father-figure in the Tito mould. But that may not last. The rising tide of social discontent as the war ends may sweep Mr Tudjman and his party from power.





Pitbull terriers of war: "Arkan" (left) real name Zeljko Raznjatovic, is on America's war criminals list; "Captain Dragan" is little more than a mercenary

KILLERS UNDER NOMS DE GUERRE

NAPOLEON'S maxim — that when there is nothing left to fight for, peace inevitably breaks out — has little resonance in the nationalist clubs of Belgrade and the mountain hideouts of the Bosnian war zone. For Serbian warriors such as Arkan, Dragan, the Red Duke and Major Checko there will always be a martial cause. Peace, especially when it is brokered by the west, is at best an interlude, a break to clean the guns and buy new weaponry.

These are the men who will make a nonsense of the Owen-Vance plan, for they cannot accept the Serbian surrender of territory captured in combat nor the tenuous land link between the Serbian enclaves of Bosnia. Nor will they easily agree to disarm, as demanded by the United Nations plan, and are not at all ready to submit themselves to UN authority. The term "warlord" is used too loosely in the Balkans, but these fearsome, sometimes slightly unhinged, men deserve the label.

The most politically powerful of them is Vojislav Seselj, 38, leader of the ultra-nationalist Radical Party. Last December the party took 27 per cent of the vote in the Serbian elections, making him an essential part of Belgrade's political landscape. This is the man who told a television reporter: "We are perfecting the art of killing with a rusty shoehorn so that it will be impossible to determine whether the victim was butchered or died of tetanus."

Mr Seselj, who figures on the US State Department's list of suspected war criminals, is a political scientist with two doctorates. His political career has been encouraged by Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, who may now find him something of an embarrassment.

Mr Seselj's idea, hatched some three years ago, was to revive the nationalist movement known as the Chetniks. These were warriors who took territory away from the Turks at the beginning of the 19th century. During the second world war the Chetniks were started up again, fighting the guerrillas of the Croat fascist Ustasha units. President Tito executed most of these Chetniks, but their modern descendants — with bushy beards and scalping knives — are active again in the killing fields of the Balkans. Mr Seselj styles himself "duke", the traditional title for the Chetnik commander. The "red" part of his nickname derives from his relationship with the socialist Mr Milosovic.

> 'The biggest "heroes" of the war so far are criminals'

"Arkan" is the pseudonym of Zeljko Raznjatovic, 40. He is also on the US war criminals' list and was recently elected to the Serbian parliament under Mr Seselj's patronage. Arkan, who is wanted for questioning in a number of west European states, has set up a form of private bank in Belgrade, where he also runs his own detective agency.

But his chief interest is the battle field. In Kosovo he is a hero of the Serb minority, as he had pledged to fight for them if the ethnic Albanians rise up. Right now the front is the Krajina enclave. His militiamen, the "Tigers", can be seen in their black woollen commando caps striding around the hillside emplacements, striking fear into the hearts not only of Croatian civilians but also the Kenyan contingent of the United Nations.

A more orthodox Chetnik is "Major Checko", real name Milka Dacevic, 34. He too has been elected to the Serbian parliament and takes orders regularly from Mr Seselj. Before taking up arms he was a cook in a Belgrade hospital. Nowadays, working out of his village base in Montenegro, he has been involved with the "ethnic cleansing" of Bosnian Muslims. His "proudest" achievement has been to stop aid shipments to the Bosnian city of Gorazde.

There are many such hard men. Some, like "Captain Dragan", who keeps his real name secret and boasts of scooping out Croatian brains, are essentially mercenaries. Dragan, who is half Australian, has a legitimate business in Belgrade, an estate agency that also lends money to home owners. "The biggest 'heroes' of the war so far are criminals," Vanja Bulic, a Belgrade journalist, says. "I would say there are about 3,000 Belgrade criminals at the front in Bosnia."

Other chieftains show no interest in ending the war. Hardline Serbian generals in Bosnia believe that the Owen-Vance plan is a redundant intermediary step to the inevitable partitioning of Bosnia.

The intriguing element is how closely the war and anti-war poles of the Serbian political class are linked. Major Checko calls Mr Seselj before embarking on yet another "ethnic cleaning" mission. Mr Seselj sits in the same parliament as, and talks regularly to, Mr Milosevic, who claims to support the Owen-Vance peace plan.

It is difficult then to believe that Mr Milosevic has made a miraculous transformation from suspected war criminal (the US State Department again) to peacebroker. And it is difficult to place much faith in the future of the Owen-Vance plan.

MAPPING OUT THE FUTURE



■ The map of Bosnia (above), as drawn up by Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance, bears some resemblance to a Jackson Pollock painting. Bosnia is to be divided into nine provinces — three dominated by Muslims, three by Serbs and three by Croats — while Sarajevo is to be an ethnically-mixed, open city.

■ The first stage of the plan was to secure agreement on the principle that Bosnia will be restored as a sovereign state. There would be some degree of central government, but all policing and administration will become the responsibility of the various provinces. Now, for the peace process to go forward, all three communities have to agree on the new constitutional map.

■ The Bosnian Serbs, who have to surrender 20 per cent of their captured territory, are unhappy. They only agreed to be part of the plan after pressure from the Serbian president, Slobodan Milosevic. Their main grudge is that there is no land corridor linking the Serbian enclaves in the east and west of Bosnia, leaving their supply lines vulnerable to the Croats in war. The UN promises protected "throughways" linking the provinces, but the Serbs suspect that such protection will be flimsy.

■ The Bosnian Muslims have seen their state ripped apart and Sarajevo, the capital, destroyed. No constitutional map will satisfy them completely, but they are probably prepared to settle because the plan does at least recognise the Bosnian state. The logic of the map is that the scattered Bosnian Muslim enclaves will be drawn into co-operation with the Croatian economy.

■ The Bosnian Croats have agreed to the new map. Zagreb believes it has been well-served by Lord Owen's cartography. Some fighting has erupted between Croats and Muslims as a response to the map. The Bosnian Muslims have not abandoned the idea of improving on the map by snatching some land and fighting on during the Geneva and New York negotiations. The Bosnian Croats, having accepted the plan, are already asserting their authority over Muslim minorities.

■ Agreement on the map has to be followed by an enduring ceasefire and moves towards demilitarising the republic. Surprisingly, the various military commanders seem more confident than the politicians that accord can be reached on ending or at least containing the fighting.

■ However, the question is how the plan can be successfully implemented. The joint chairmen of the peace talks have worked out the interim arrangements until free elections are organised, which amount to a temporary constitution. But the foreign military presence needed to make it work will have to be very large. UN troops will have to collect heavy weapons, silence artillery, guard the many new borders and arbitrate in disputes. Many analysts believe that they will not be able to carry out these functions unless they are backed by a willingness to use force.

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Limit to police duty of care over hazards

Ancell and Another v McDermott and Others

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Beldam and Sir John Megaw

[Judgment January 29]

The police when carrying out traffic duties did not owe a duty of care to give warnings so as to protect road users from hazards of which the police officers had become aware but which were not created by them and for which they were not responsible.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing appeals by the Chief Constables of Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire from a judgment of Mr Justice Garland in January 1991 whereby he had refused to strike out an action against them by the plaintiffs, Lawrence Ancell, in his personal capacity and also as administrator of the estate of Dawn Ancell, and Katie Ancell, for disclosing no reasonable cause of action.

Mr Bernard Livesey, QC and Mr Jeremy Stuart-Smith for the chief constables: Mr Piers Ashworth, QC and Mr Jonathan Harvey for the plaintiffs: the first defendant, Michael McDermott, and the fourth defendants, Alpha Bulk Liquids Ltd, did not appear and were not represented.

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that the proceedings arose from a fatal traffic accident in the early hours of August 17, 1988. For the purposes of the appeal it had to be taken as having occurred in the circumstances set out.

Aluminium tubing fell from the fourth defendants' bulk carrier on to the road at a roundabout at Airport Way, Luton. The first defendant, driving his car along that road, failed to see the obstruction and ran over it rupturing his fuel tank leaving a trail of diesel fuel on the road.

Minutes later police from the Hertfordshire Constabulary noticed the fuel on the road and followed the trail until they came to the first defendant's car.

Those police officers notified Bedfordshire police of the hazard but did not themselves return to the roundabout.

Shortly after a police officer of the Bedfordshire force drove past the spillage, noticed the fuel on the road, reported the matter to the highways department and then continued on his police duties.

Minutes later the first plaintiff's wife, driving her car, skidded on the fuel, lost control and collided with a lorry. She died from the injuries she sustained in the accident and the first and second plaintiffs, who were passengers in the car, were injured.

Additional to their claims against the first and fourth defendants, the plaintiffs claimed that the chief constables were liable for the breaches of duty and negligence of their officers.

The case for the police on their striking out application before Mr Justice Garland was that officers going about their duties on the highway owed no duty of care to protect other road users by warning or otherwise from hazards on the highway which they had not created or for which they were not responsible.

They relied on *Hill v Chief Constable of West Yorkshire* ([1989] AC 53), an action for alleged negligence in the conduct by a police force of a murder investigation. In addition they contended that it would be contrary to public policy to hold police officers under any such duty as that alleged by the plaintiffs.

The judge, in dismissing the application, had held that the case fell in a grey area and should be tried so that the facts could be ascertained. He was wrong. The police had accepted that for the purposes of the striking out application the facts alleged against them were to be assumed correct.

The question for determination was whether in any circumstances of the kind pleaded a police constable owed a duty to others to protect them or warn them against hazards created by others in the road.

The plaintiffs founded their argument for a duty of care on the duty of police constables generally to guard the public from injury and from damage to or loss of property. *Haynes v Harwood* ([1935] 1 KB 146), it was said, confirmed the existence of such a duty.

The plaintiffs relied also on *Dorset Yacht Co Ltd v Home Office* ([1970] AC 1004), a case based on the public duty of the Home office to confine detainees in custody.

The House of Lords in *Caparo Industries plc v Dickman* ([1990] 2 AC 605) emphasised the inability of a single general principle to provide a practical test to be applied to every situation to determine whether a duty of care was owed.

After referring to *Hill*'s case, Lord Bridge of Harwich said (at p617): "... in addition to the foreseeability of damage, necessary ingredients in any situation giving rise to a duty of care are that there should exist between the party owing the duty and the party to whom it is owed a relationship ... of 'proximity' or 'neighbourhood' and that the situation should be one in which the court considers it fair, just and reasonable that the law should impose a duty of a given scope upon the one party for the benefit of the other."

When it was contended that such a relationship arose out of duties carried out in the performance of a public office, the court had to have regard to the purposes and scope of the public duties, whether they were intended to benefit a particular section of the public and whether such persons could reasonably place reliance on the fulfilment of the duties.

The existence of such a duty of care as was contended for would impose on a police force potential liability of almost unlimited scope. Not only would the class of persons to whom the duty was owed be extensive, but the activities of police officers which might give rise to the existence of such a duty would be widespread: the constable on the beat who failed to notice a danger on the pavement, the officer who searched for but failed to find property when he might have done or the officer who misinterpreted a breathalyser reading might all be said to come under liability to anyone who could show that they suffered injury or loss as a result of his failure.

Further, there was no sufficient distinction from the reasoning which led the House of Lords to reject the existence of a duty in *Hill*'s case to justify the imposition of a duty to act in the circumstances of the present case.

Were such a duty to exist the diversion of police resources would extensively hamper the performance of ordinary police duties and create a formidable diversion of police manpower. The appeal should be allowed.

Sir John Megaw gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Nourse agreed.

Solicitors: Vizards: Bernard Pearce & Co, Waltham Cross.

Reasons must be given

Regina v Dairy Produce Quota Tribunal for England and Wales and Another, Ex parte P. A. Cooper & Sons (a Firm)

Before Lord Justice Kennedy

[Judgment January 26]

When considering an application for a secondary milk quota, the Dairy Produce Quota Tribunal should adopt a two-stage approach in accordance with paragraph 6 of Schedule 9 to the Dairy Produce Regulations (SI 1991 No 2232).

A determination would be set aside if it failed to tell the applicant in broad and simple terms how the tribunal had arrived at its conclusion.

Lord Justice Kennedy so stated in the Queen's Bench Division when allowing an application by P. A. Cooper & Sons for judicial review and quashing a decision of the Dairy Produce Quota Tribunal awarding a secondary milk quota of 4,977 litres of milk. The case was remitted to the tribunal for a rehearing.

Mr Nicholas Paines for the tribunal; Ms Joanne Moss for the applicant.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY said that the first question which should have been addressed by the tribunal was that posed by paragraph 6(1)(a) of the 1991 Regulations and concerned the quantity of ice cream made from milk produced on the applicant's farm that might reasonably be expected to be produced annually using the available plant.

The fact that actual capacity had not been properly addressed would not have undermined the determination if there had been a proper approach to the second-stage question of sales.

Paragraph 6(1)(b) concerned the quantity of ice cream which might reasonably be expected to be sold by direct sale annually.

The segregation of production capacity and sales potential was of some importance because it accorded with the schedule and allowed an unsuccessful applicant to know why he failed.

If the tribunal had doubted evidence before it, it ought to have given the applicant an opportunity to dispel any doubts.

If it detected inconsistences in documents then it should have drawn them to the attention of the applicant or its solicitor before acting upon them to the applicant's detriment.

Solicitors: Solicitor, MAFF: Brachers, Maidstone.

Rastafarians are not a separate ethnic group

Dawkins v Crown Suppliers (PSA) Ltd (now Department of Environment)

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Beldam and Sir John Megaw

[Judgment January 29]

Rastafarians were not a separate ethnic group for the purposes of the Race Relations Act 1976. Accordingly, a Rastafarian who had been considered unsuitable for employment as a government van driver because of his long hair had not been racially discriminated against.

The Court of Appeal stated dismissing an appeal by the applicant, Trevor Dawkins, from the majority decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (*The Times* April 29, 1991; [1991] ICR 583).

In 1988 the Property Services Agency (PSA), part of the Home Civil Service, was responsible for, *inter alia*, providing transport for the government Interdepartmental Dispatch Service (IDS). That service was subsequently taken over by the Crown Suppliers (PSA) Ltd and was now operated by the Department of the Environment.

In 1988 the applicant responded to a PSA advertisement for an experienced driver and attended the interview wearing a hat underneath which he had long hair arranged in the form of dreadlocks. The interviewer explained that the PSA expected their drivers to have short hair. The applicant indicated that he was not willing to cut his hair.

Subsequently, the applicant complained that he had been discriminated against contrary to the 1976 Act. By their majority decision the industrial tribunal upheld the applicant's claim. On the PSA's appeal the EAT reversed that decision.

Mr Alper Riza, QC and Mr John Whitmore for the applicant; Lord Meston for the Department of the Environment.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the applicant claimed that he was subjected to both direct and indirect racial discrimination in that he was refused employment by PSA by reason of his membership of a particular racial group, namely the Rastafarians. He argued that Rastafarians constituted a group of persons who were defined by reference to their ethnic origins.

The PSA accepted that the applicant was refused employment because he was a Rastafarian, but denied that Rastafarians constituted a group of persons defined by reference to their ethnic origins.

There was no definition in the 1976 Act of ethnic origins. Nor was there any definition of the phrase where it occurred in section 17 of the Public Order Act 1986. Authoritative guidance on the meaning of those words was provided, however, by the decision of the House of Lords in *Mandla v Dowell Lee* ([1983] 2 AC 548).

It was clear that Rastafarians had certain identifiable characteristics. They had a strong cultural tradition which included a distinctive form of music known as reggae. They adopted a distinctive form of hair style by wearing dreadlocks. They had other shared characteristics of which both the industrial tribunal and the Employment Appeal Tribunal were satisfied.

But the crucial question was whether they had established some separate identity by reference to their ethnic origins. In speaking about Rastafarians in that context his Lordship was referring to the core group because a core group could exist even though not all the adherents of the group could, if considered separately, satisfy any of the relevant tests.

It was at that stage that one had to take account of both the racial flavour of the word "ethnic" and Lord Fraser's requirement, as stated in *Mandla*, of a long shared history.

Lord Meston submitted that if one compared Rastafarians with the rest of the Jamaican community in England or with the rest of the Afro-Caribbean community in the country, there was nothing to set them aside as a separate ethnic group.

They were a separate group but not a separate group defined by reference to their ethnic origins. His Lordship could see no answer to that submission.

Mr Whitmore, quite rightly, stressed that the present case was concerned with identity. The question was whether the Rastafarians had a separate identity. Did they stand apart by reason of their history from other Jamaicans?

In his Lordship's judgment, it was not enough for Rastafarians now to look back to a past when their ancestors, in common with other peoples in the Caribbean, were taken there from Africa. They were not a separate group then. The shared history of Rastafarians went back only 60 years or so.

One could understand and admire the deep affection which Rastafarians felt for Africa and their longing for it as their real home. But, as Mr Riza recognised, the court was concerned with the language of the statute.

In the light of the guidance given by the House of Lords in *Mandla* his Lordship was unable to say that they were a separate racial group. The appeal would be dismissed.

Lord Justice Beldam and Sir John Megaw agreed.

Solicitors: Karim: Treasury Solicitor.

Joining counts

Regina v C

Where two or more counts alleged against a defendant were of a broadly similar character and there was but one single victim of the alleged offences, generally it would not merely be permissible under rule 9 of the Indictment Rules (SI 1971 No 1253) to join the counts in a single indictment but, additionally, it would seldom be appropriate for the judge to exercise his discretion under section 5(3) of the Indictment Act 1915 to order severance of the indictment.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Simon Brown, Mr Justice Popplewell and Mr Justice Rattee) so stated on February 1 when dismissing an appellant's appeal against conviction by a majority of 11 to 1 on October 29, 1990 at Chelmsford Crown Court (Judge Watling, QC and a jury) of rape and attempted rape.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN, giving the judgment of the court, said that the victim of both the offences alleged to have been committed by the defendant was his daughter.

Their Lordships expressed no final view, but said that it might be that rule 9 had been stretched towards or even to its limits to accommodate those counts, which were separated in time by eleven years.

However, it followed from *R v McGlinchey* ((1893) 78 Cr App R 282) and *R v Baird* (*The Times* January 12) that the counts in this case had been properly joined.

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Legitimacy in trust disposition

Miller and Others v Callender and Others

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Lowry, Lord Mustill and Lord Slynn of Hadley

[Speeches January 28]

References in a testator's trust disposition and settlement and his widow's subsequent trust disposition and settlement to "issue" and "great-grandchildren" meant issue and great-grandchildren legitimate according to the law of Scotland at the time when each deed had come into operation, not those legitimated by the time of vesting in 1989.

The House of Lords allowed an appeal by Mr Rupert David Dundonald Callender from an Extra Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session (Lord Allanbridge, Lord Cullen and Lord Brand) (1992 SLT 498) who on October 25, 1991 had pronounced an interlocutor answering in favour of the parties of the third part questions posed in a special case by the trustees, Mr John Morton Miller, Mr Robert John Blantyre Simpson, WS and Mr Michael John Russell Simpson, WS, parties of the first part; Mr Callender, party of the second part; and Mrs Anna Charlotte Holmes or Rains, Mr Hugo Christopher Holmes and Mrs Winifred Elaine Daphne Holmes or Lake, parties of the third part.

Mr W. A. Nimmo Smith, QC and Mr R. B. M. Howie, both of the Scots Bar, for Mr Callender; Mr D. R. A. Emslie, QC and Mr P. B. Cullen, both of the Scots Bar, for the parties of the third part; the trustees were not represented.

LORD KEITH said that Mr John Patrick Wright, Writer to the Signet, had died on September 19, 1917 leaving a trust disposition and settlement dated September 16, 1912.

After life-rents in favour of his widow, Mrs Wright, and daughter, Mrs Callender, the fee of the residue of his estate had been destined to such of his grandchildren as should survive the period of distribution together with the issue of any grandchild who might have predeceased the period of vesting equally *per stirpes*.

However, he had conferred absolute power on Mrs Wright to alter the purposes and provisions of the trust disposition and settlement and she had done so.

The principal effect had been that certain funds were to be held for each of her four grandchildren (Mrs Callender's children) in liferent and their issue in fee with provision for accretion.

Mrs Wright had died on December 21, 1932 leaving a trust disposition and settlement dated June 20, 1925 by which certain specific funds and the residue of the estate were to be held in liferent for the last survivor of her grandchildren and on the death of such last survivor to be paid (a) to the surviving grandchildren of Mrs Wright "being children of" her grand-daughters and younger grandson and (b) to surviving issue of such last surviving grandchild.

Mrs Callender had died in July 1953. Her son David had died in 1977 survived by one son, Mr Callender, the party of the second part. One daughter and a second son had died without issue in 1982 and 1987.

Mrs Callender's other daughter Hyacinth, the last surviving grandchild of Mr and Mrs Wright, had died in 1989.

She had been survived by three children, the parties of the third part, Anna, Hugo and Winifred, born respectively on September 15, 1942, February 29, 1944 and September 6, 1946.

At the time when they had been born, Hyacinth had not been married to their father, Alfred Holmes. He had then been married to someone else and thus not free to marry her.

However, he had later become free and had married her on August 6, 1954. At all material times, the Holmes family had been domiciled in England.

The children had not been legitimated on the date of the marriage because, by virtue of section 1(2) of the Legitimacy Act 1926, the legitimation provisions of section 1(1) had not applied to an illegitimate person whose father or mother had been married to a third person when the illegitimate person had been born.

However, that exception had been removed by section 1(1) of the Legitimacy Act 1959, and the three children had therefore become legitimate, so far as the law of England was concerned, three months after July 29, 1959, the date of the passing of the Act.

The common law of Scotland had for centuries admitted the doctrine of legitimation *per subsequens matrimonium*, but subject to the qualification that the parents of the child should have been free to marry each other at the date of its conception.

That qualification had been removed, with effect from June 8, 1968, by section 1 of the Legitimation (Scotland) Act 1968.

So far as Mr Wright's trust disposition and settlement was concerned, the persons entitled to the fee were the surviving "issue" of Mrs Holmes, whom failing the surviving "issue" of her brother David.

Under Mrs Wright's trust disposition and settlement the persons entitled to the fee were Mrs Wright's surviving "great-grandchildren".

The questions posed by the special case were whether, on a proper construction of the trust dispositions and settlements of Mr and Mrs Wright, and in the circumstances that had occurred, the parties of the third part fell within the class of "issue" and "great-grandchildren".

It was common ground between Mr Callender and the parties of the third part that the references to "issue" and "great-grandchildren" were properly to be construed as limited to issue and great-grandchildren who were legitimate children of their parents recognised as such by the law of Scotland.

There was no doubt that at the period of vesting in 1989 the parties of the third part had been so recognised, although perhaps not without qualification.

The dispute turned on whether or not, on a true construction of the two deeds, the makers of them had intended that possession of the status of legitimacy at the period of vesting should be determinative of the qualification to take as a beneficiary or whether the intention had been that only those persons who would have been recognised as legitimate by the law of Scotland at the time when each deed had come into operation should be so qualified.

In 1917 and 1932, children of parents who had not been free to marry at the time of their births but who had later become free to marry and had married had not been recognised as legitimate by the law of Scotland in the case both of the father having been domiciled in Scotland at the date of the marriage and of his having been domiciled in England at that date.

There was certainly no reason to suppose that the testator or testatrix might have contemplated the possibility of the law of Scotland being changed before the period of vesting so as to result in the legitimation of persons previously incapable of it or of the law of England or any other foreign country being changed to similar effect with consequent recognition in Scotland of the legitimacy of persons benefiting from the change.

There was no reported case, so far as the industry of counsel had revealed, in which consideration had been given to the effect of a change in the law concerning legitimacy in the period between the coming into operation of an instrument and the opening of the succession.

The only relevant guidance was to be found in the opinions expressed by the majority of the judges in *Cockburn's Trustees v Dundas* ((1864) 2 M 1185).

Those opinions indicated that a testator was not to be regarded as having contemplated that there might be a change in the law between his death and the opening of the succession, and that the more natural intention to attribute to him was that the succession should be regulated by the law as it had stood at the time of his death.

Applying that approach, the conclusion must be that the testator and testatrix had not intended that, when the succession opened, the class of beneficiaries should include "issue" and "great-grandchildren" who answered the description of "lawful" by reason only of changes in the law occurring after their testamentary dispositions had come into operation.

While that was sufficient for the determination of the appeal, it was appropriate to deal with another aspect of the case.

The 1959 Act, which had introduced in England the legitimation of children whose parents had not been free to marry at the time of their birth but had later legally done so, by section 1(2) had incorporated section 10(2) of the 1926 Act subject to the substitution for references to the commencement of that Act of references to the commencement of the 1959 Act.

Section 10(2) provided that nothing in the 1926 Act should affect the operation or construction of any disposition coming into operation before the commencement of the Act.

There might be room for argument as to whether "any disposition" described only dispositions governed by English law or whether it included also dispositions governed by some foreign law, but, whether or not that were so, it remained true that the class of persons legitimated by the 1959 Act had not been legitimated for all purposes of English law.

The legitimation had not extended to capacity to inherit under an English instrument that had come into operation before the commencement of the Act.

While it was for the law of Scotland to recognise the status of legitimacy conferred by the Act on the children of fathers domiciled in England at the time of the relevant marriage, it must also be appropriate for that law to recognise that the legitimacy so conferred had been subject to limitation.

The correct view was thus that Scots law must for its own purposes of conflict of laws treat the same limitation as applicable to instruments governed by Scots law that had come into operation before the commencement of the English Act.

His Lordship saw no reason why Scots law should treat a legitimation that was not complete for purposes of English law as complete for its own purposes.

The consideration had the more force when it was kept in mind that the 1968 Act, which had effect similar in Scotland to that of the 1959 Act in England, contained in section 7(2) a provision to the same effect as section 10(2) of the 1926 Act.

It would be a strange result indeed if Scots law, while not recognising legitimation by the 1968 Act as qualifying a person to inherit under a Scottish instrument coming into operation before the commencement of that Act, were forced to recognise as so qualifying a person legitimated by the 1959 Act, notwithstanding the limitation by that Act of the right to inherit under an English instrument.

Again, if the matter were looked at from the point of view of the intention to be attributed to the maker of a Scottish instrument coming into operation before the commencement of both the 1959 Act and the 1968 Act, it was absurd to suppose that the intention might have been to treat as qualified to inherit a person legitimated by the English Act but not a person legitimated by the Scottish Act.

Lord Jauncey delivered a speech concurring with that of Lord Keith and Lord Lowry, Lord Mustill and Lord Slynn agreed.

Solicitors: Radcliffes & Co for Tods Murray, WS, Edinburgh: Dyson Bell Martin & Co for Shepherd & Wedderburn, WS, Edinburgh.

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Something in the air



PRESIDENT Clinton and the England cricket team in India have all had problems with changes in their environment. Socks, the Clintons' cat, has activated the president's allergy, leaving him struggling to cope with an atmosphere contaminated by the allergens in the dust from the cat's skin and hair.

Meanwhile, the England cricketers suffered from the air pollution in Calcutta. Air pollution is usually due to the by-products of industrial processes, the incomplete burning of fossil fuels, wood smoke or vehicle exhaust fumes. It may make an otherwise healthy person feel jaded, but it is unlikely to be medically dangerous. In the London smog of 1952, when some 4,000 people died, it was only those who were already suffering from chronic lung or heart disease — or, like President Clinton, had an allergy — who suffered.

If there are any England cricketers who suffer from asthma they are probably the only ones who have a valid medical excuse for their poor performance in the first Test match, particularly as their problem might well already have been exacerbated by the viral infections from which so many of the team have suffered on the tour.

All asthmatic patients, whether in Britain or in India, are now advised to double the number of puffs of the inhaled steroids they take when there is an air pollution warning, or when they have an upper respiratory tract infection.

The president's problems require a more drastic solution. He should banish Socks to some distant part of the White House, for the once-popular desensitising courses of injections — in which the patient is given gradually larger doses of the antigen over a period of months — are now considered too hazardous. Desensitisation programmes are now undertaken only in cases where emergency facilities for resuscitation are available.

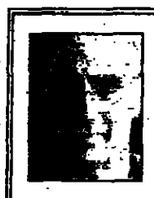
An excess of Gascoigne

SO LARGE was the fine reportedly imposed on Paul Gascoigne, football's "Gazza", for disreputable behaviour that he would probably have been better off if he had smashed his car, rather than belched during an interview on Italian television. The Italians were not amused. Belching may be acceptable in some of the nightclubs he used to frequent but, as Gazza has found out, it is as reprehensible in Italian football-loving circles as it would be at a Conservative cheese and wine party in Tunbridge Wells or Cheltenham.

Although patients frequently complain of excess wind to their doctors it is not a subject which is well covered in the textbooks, and whether it is passed upwards or downwards it receives scant attention during medical training.

To the gastroenterologist, flatus is a term given to wind, whether disposed of by belching — eructation is the medical term — or passed per rectum. An excess of wind is referred to as flatulence.

Professor Rodney Taylor, the chairman of the British Digestive Association's information committee and also professor of medicine for the navy, where flatulence on board ship can be a nuisance, has some sympathy with Gazza. "People, once their stomachs have been distended by wind, are much more comfortable if they belch. However, they usually needn't have found themselves in this predicament, and so far as belching is concerned prevention is better than cure."



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Professor Taylor says that although some cases of excessive flatulence are due to excess fermentation of stomach contents as a result of changes in gastric acidity, this is comparatively rare. Usually the need to belch stems from the swallowing of injudicious amounts of air. This could be as a result of a nervous habit known as aerophagy, which gives rise to nervous eructation, but some air swallowing with or without food is normal, and only when the amount is excessive does it become a problem.

Excessive air swallowing usually occurs if the sufferer eats or drinks too quickly, hence the belief in some societies that belching is a sign of admiration of the food, in that the belch all too clearly demonstrates that the meal was obviously so good that the diner ate too much of it too fast.

Air is also swallowed with saliva and nasal secretions. Therefore, any factors which increase these also increase the likelihood of an excessive quantity of air collecting in the patient's stomach. Crying and the common cold — with a runny nose and heavy nasal secretions pouring down the back of the throat — are obvious examples of this, but tense patients also salivate more, and therefore are liable to swallow more air.

People salivate when kissing, which is one of the reasons for increased borborygmy, tummy rumbling, and the desire to belch when lovemaking, although in Professor Taylor's opinion posture may be an important factor in the explanation of this phenomenon.

Some of the air swallowed passes from the stomach into the gut, where it mixes with the methane and hydrogen sulphide produced by fermentation of gut products. Much of the gas is absorbed through the gut wall, but the amount passed through the rectum varies from half a litre to six litres a day.

The quantity of flatus is dependent on the diet, and some foods, such as baked beans, are notorious in this respect. Any sudden change in the amount of flatus can be important, just as any change in bowel habit can. Investigations are needed, but the cause is usually found to be due to a change in diet, particularly to a high-fibre diet, rather than to disease.

Although antacids are very useful in the treating of most cases of indigestion they may occasionally actually increase the amount of wind. A change to H_2 blockers such as Tagamet or Zantac, or the drug Losec, may ease the situation; many doctors still believe in the traditional merits of peppermint mixtures for all types of excessive wind.



Treatable dementia

THE announcement that researchers are closer to understanding the biochemical basis of Alzheimer's disease is welcome. Alzheimer's is an over-diagnosed disease. Before true dementia can be diagnosed, memory loss must also be associated with other symptoms such as changes in personality, problems with personal relationships, slovenly appearance and a failing intellect which has eroded the power of rational thought and the ability to carry on a non-repetitive conversation.

Too often Alzheimer's is used to describe the condition in any older patient who is apparently demented, without making sure there is no other, possibly treatable, condition causing the symptoms, which can range from depression to infection, tumour or, most frequently, disease of the cerebral arteries.

A survey by Swedish research workers published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* recently has shown that more demented patients have vascular disease of the blood vessels of the brain than Alzheimer's. Cardio-vascular disease in the elderly often results in a multitude of small strokes, each leaving the brain progressively more damaged. If high blood pressure, or any irregularity of the heart, is detected and treated early, later dementia may be prevented. The taking of a daily small dose of aspirin may be all that is necessary to prevent further strokes, and halt the progress of the dementia.

No good turning a blind eye

Eye operations for the short-sighted are becoming big business. But, as Nigel Hawkes reports, information on their value is in short supply

BEN ROSE



Eye spy: the prospect of having perfect vision is a powerful incentive for those considering an eye operation. But do patients really know what they are letting themselves in for?

The short-sighted, peering anxiously through their glasses, can dimly see a promised land of 20:20 vision. All over Britain, private clinics are clambering over one another to offer operations that will give the myopic a chance to throw away their optical Zimmer frames. Already the first operations for long-sight are beginning to appear in the prospectuses, and astigmatism will not be far behind.

Pretty soon, proponents believe, these operations could become the commonest surgical procedures in the world. There are about ten million people in Britain alone with mild short sight, so the claims are not beyond credibility.

Yet so far, straightforward advice to those considering shelling out £2,000 or more for one of these operations has been conspicuous by its absence. Are they safe? What are the long-term consequences? What, honestly, are the chances of being able to do without glasses?

The reason why such advice is lacking has everything to do with the way in which surgery in Britain is organised. While drug companies wishing to introduce a new cure must jump through hoops of ever-increasing difficulty for years on end to demonstrate its safety and efficacy, there is no such test for surgical procedures. The properly designed trial, which has taken so much of the guesswork out of clinical practice, has no equivalent in the operating theatre.

Surgery is the last branch of medicine where the expert can take his scalpel in his hand and do more or less what he — or, less likely, she — pleases. Naturally, surgeons are subject to the constraints of ethical and professional behaviour and do not abuse this freedom much. But the truth is that the guinea pigs for the new eye operations are human patients, volunteering because they are fed up with wearing glasses.

This week the Advisory Council on Science and Technology published a hard-hitting report on medical research and health. Among the many recommendations in the report was the establishment of a new Committee on the Safety and Efficacy of Procedures, which would do for surgery what the Committee on Safety of Medicines does for drugs.

It would be compulsory for surgeons using new techniques to provide this committee with data on their effectiveness, which would be made publicly available and assessed by independent units. The example that the council chose to illustrate the potential dangers of the present regime was keyhole surgery, which has been taken up rapidly and somewhat uncritically. It might as easily have chosen the new eye operations.

The first operations for short sight took place in the former Soviet Union and were initially hailed as a miracle from the East. But, says John Marshall, Professor of Ophthalmology at St Thomas's Hospital, south London, the Russian pioneers of the technique of radial keratotomy (see box), did not publish the results of their work. Experience of the method in the West has turned up some complications.

According to the Consumers' Association publication *Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin*, mildly short-sighted people often achieved good results from the operation, though their vision was not as sharp as it would be using glasses. But some patients finished up with their short sight over-corrected. "The main problem with radial keratotomy is its unpredictability and patients should be aware of this," the *Bulletin* concluded.

Complications leading to blindness are rare, but some people do suffer minor complications, including glare (usually worse at night) and changes in the power of the cornea, happening up to four years after surgery. Some patients suffer increased astigmatism, the result of an eyeball which is unequally curved in different planes. The only way to cure this in some patients is by hard contact lenses.

In Britain, radial keratotomy never achieved great popularity, though it does still have supporters. In America, however, the method did become popular; about one million people had the operation. When academic research workers published criticisms, they found themselves threatened with lawsuits by the private clinics which were doing so well out of the operation.

The real drawback with the method, Professor Marshall believes, is that it involves cutting through 90 per cent of the thickness of the wall of the eye. "The police and the armed services didn't like the idea of it," he says. "A blow in the eye, if it has been cut four times through 90 per cent of its thickness, could easily cause very serious damage."

William Jory, an ophthalmic surgeon who operates at the London Centre for Refractive Surgery, remains a supporter of the technique. He admits that its results can be slightly unpredictable, but says that is also true of the laser treatment which has largely supplanted it in Britain and the rest of Europe.

Paradoxically, laser treatment has been slower to get off the ground in the United States because of the novelty of the instrument involved. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has no control of the use of developed technology — that is, scalpels — but is obliged to investigate and approve the use of new technology such as lasers. As a result, the laser technique has been the subject of extended trials, with the FDA delaying final approval at least until 1995. In the meantime, sales are continuing in Britain.

Professor Marshall says that about 30,000 people have been treated, 3,000 of them in the UK, so experience is building up. The earliest patients treated in the trials are now three years on, and the evidence is that their eyes are stable. "What you get at three to six months is what you retain at three years," he says.

He expected that most patients would be women wanting the operation for cosmetic reasons, but has been surprised. To begin with, at least 70 per cent were men, wanting better sight for sporting and professional reasons. Now the patients at St Thomas's are equally divided between men and women.

Others who have benefited from the operation are would-be pilots, both civilian and military, who are required to have sharp eyesight without the aid of glasses. Some who could never have hoped to qualify can now do so, thanks to the excimer laser.

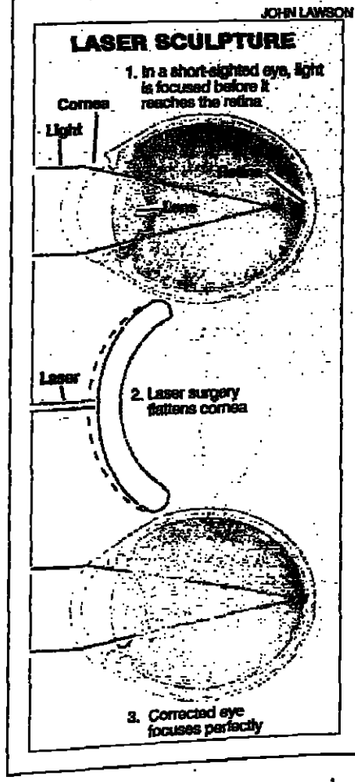
A variation of laser surgery, intrastromal keratomileusis (ISK) has been used on people who have more serious sight impairments. Relatively few operations have been carried out so far, and only a handful in Britain. The technique involves thinning the cornea, which makes it lie flatter, reducing the power of the lens. Critics — including, inevitably, clinics that use alternative techniques — fear that in later years the thinned cornea will tend to bulge because of the normal pressure in the eye. The more it bulges the more the original problem will return. Only time will tell whether this claim is justified.

For the moment, the best advice would be that potential patients should carefully balance risk against benefit in contemplating any operation. If the motivation is simply irritation with wearing glasses, then it would make sense to wait until time has allowed any snags to show up, and the FDA has finally reached its conclusions.

If, on the other hand, a livelihood or a sporting ambition depends on having perfect vision the risks may appear more acceptable. Although radial keratotomy still has its champions, Professor Marshall is in no doubt that the excimer laser is a better technique. "All the signs look very promising," he says. If that is sufficient reassurance, go ahead. If not, watch this space.

Hi-tech help for the short-sighted

JOHN LAWSON



Short sight is caused by a mismatch between the focusing power and the dimensions of the eyeball. In a perfect eye, light is focused precisely on to the retina, producing a crisp image. In the short-sighted, the eyeball is too long, or the lens too strong, so that the light actually comes to a focus before it reaches the retina. The result is a blur.

● **Radial keratotomy:** To remedy short sight, the lens must be reduced in power, which in essence means making the cornea flatter. Radial keratotomy involves making several cuts in the cornea with a scalpel. Each cut runs from the centre of the cornea to the periphery, and when the cuts heal the result is to flatten the cornea slightly. Cost: about £650 per eye.

● **Excimer laser:** This involves "sculpting" the cornea using a few seconds' exposure to a beam of ultra-violet light from an argon-fluorine laser. In the myopic, the method involves flattening the cornea by a carefully-calculated dose of light, which vaporises the tissue almost molecule-by-molecule. Professor Marshall says that the treatment should not be contemplated by anyone under 23, or whose eyesight has not been stable for at least three years. In principle, the laser can be used to increase the curvature of the eye for the long-sighted, or to correct faults of curvature in those suffering from astigmatism. For long sight, however, Professor Marshall says that the process of wound healing tends to negate the effects of the re-shaping. For astigmatism, he says, more experience of operations is needed. Cost: about £1,250 per eye.

● **Intrastromal keratomileusis:** The excimer laser has so far been used for those with moderate short sight. The Arnott Ophthalmic Clinic at the Cromwell Hospital, west London, now offers a variation for the more seriously handicapped. This involves removing the cornea, turning it over and placing it on a disc, and then sculpting a hollow in the centre by laser. The cornea is then replaced in the eye where, because it is thinner, it reduces the lens's power. Cost: about £2,500 per eye.

● **Corneal rings and inlays:** For those who dislike the thought of making irreversible changes to the centre of the cornea, alternatives exist. One involves cutting a precise circular groove around the cornea and inserting a ring whose tension is chosen either to flatten the cornea (for the short-sighted) or to increase its curvature (long-sighted). Yet another method, available at the London Centre for Refractive Surgery, is to insert a plastic lens inside the eye. This has no effect on the strength of the cornea, and such lenses can be removed later if necessary. Cost: £2,250 per eye.

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Philip Howard



■ The Queen's Christmas day message was no scoop, but it promises a great day in court

For the Queen to go to court seems an act of supererogation, because symbolically she embodies the law. But litigation by her can still have a thunderous effect, which would have made her medieval ancestors proud. Just an expensive little letter from her solicitor, threatening to sue *The Sun* for infringing the Queen's copyright by publishing her Christmas message two days before she broadcast it — and whambo! Uproar in the diaspora from what used to be Fleet Street. In the same way, it seems undignified for the prime minister, who appoints the Lord Chancellor and other law officers of the Crown, to sue for libel.

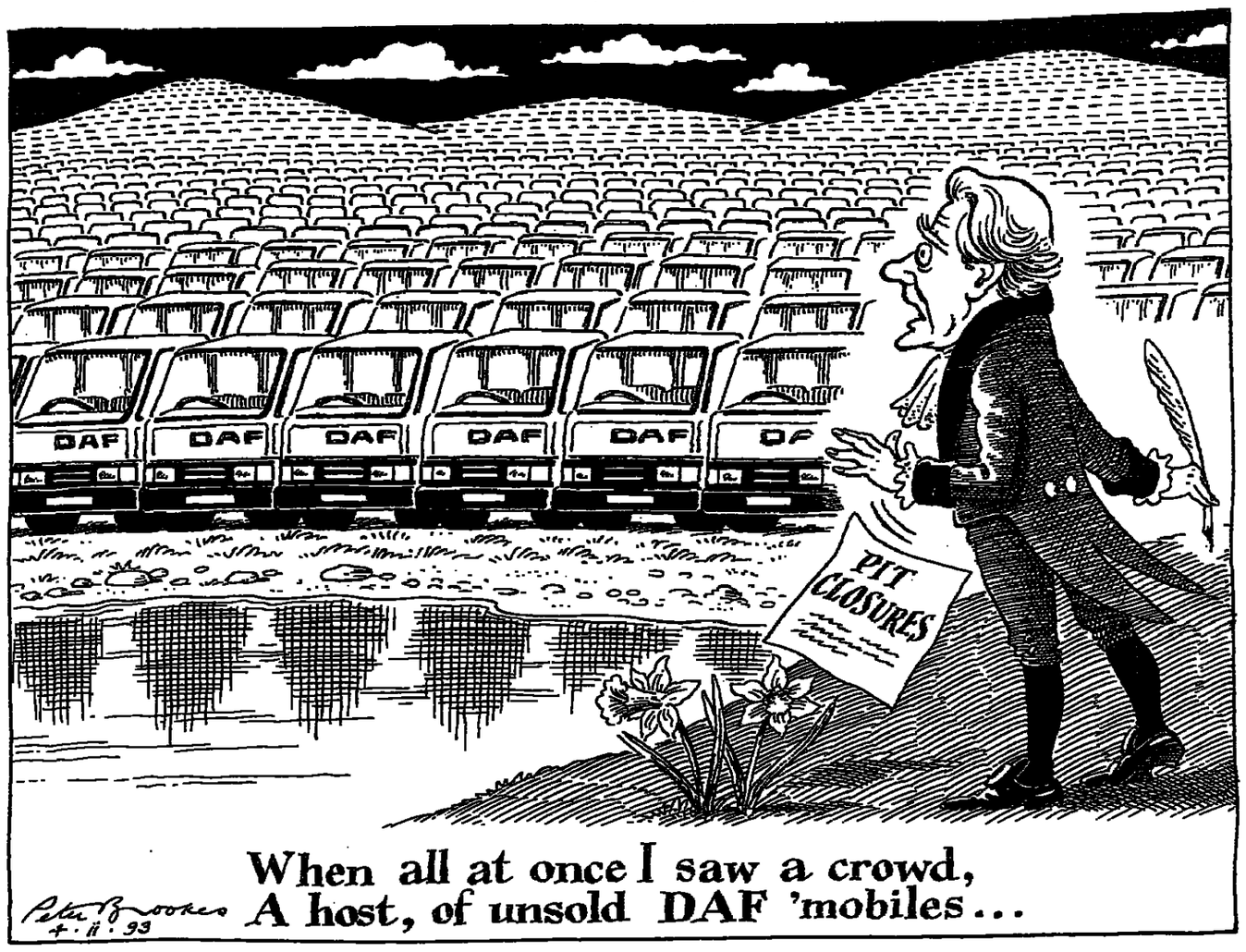
It was not as if publishing the Queen's speech prematurely was much of an old-fashioned journalistic scoop, since it turned out to be Her Majesty's usual graceful little *tour d'horizon*, halfway between a homily and a round robin Christmas letter. All UK law is done in the Queen's name, and the court is where she happens to be at the time. Courts of justice and the high court of Parliament take their names from the court where the medieval sovereign resided and held state, and dispensed justice in person, with brief summing-up, short shrift, and not much taint of legality.

It is not unknown for the modern royals to turn to the civil law for redress. Albert, Victoria's prince consort, went to court to prevent publication in a popular journal of family sketches he had drawn. And the present regime at Buckingham Palace has already been to court several times to prevent the publication of lucrative fantasy by previous palace employees. It is unfair to want the royal family to be less remote, and then complain when they go to court in vexation at the silly blatts. If the Queen's case and the prime minister's case were ever to come to court, the only hope for the defendants to escape vast damages would be to send to the San Andreas fault and import an earthquake. It would be a case of, "Give her the money." But suing for spiteful trivia in newspapers is to crush a cabbage white upon a wheel. It dignifies the nonsense by treating it seriously.

Since the dark ages, the precedents for personal royal interference in the law are bad. Scarlet Alice Perrers, the mistress of Edward III, was banished by Act of Parliament because of her practice of sitting on the bench beside the judges to secure judgments on behalf of her chums, the brothel-keepers and bad boys of London. Soon after pedantic James I came down from Scotland to ascend the throne of England, he made a point of going to court to hear a case conducted in his name. After counsel for the plaintiff had spoken, James made as if to leave, declaring, "'Tis a clear case." His courtiers persuaded him to stay, to hear the other side. Counsel for the defence also did his stuff. When he had finished, James jumped to his feet, crying out, "They are all rogues alike," and left the court. This was a shrewd royal judgment, if he was referring to the lawyers.

This country is importing from the United States the delusion that somebody somewhere can be held legally responsibly for all our misfortunes. But misfortune is part of the definition of life. In America bars are being held responsible for serving alcohol to a chap who has already had enough, and then crashes his car. Newly-weds are suing the hotel in which they spent their honeymoon because a hotel employee walked into their room while they were making love. This, they claim, has caused their sexual dysfunction. A 15-year-old schoolgirl has successfully sued a boy at her school, for distress and wounded feelings, because he asked her to the school prom and then stood her up.

In the United Kingdom, the growth area of litigation is for injuries caused by tripping over loose paving-stones. This happens to me every morning before crack of dawn en route to the park, towed by Russell puppies, but I can never be bothered to sue. But local authorities, who have the duty to keep their public places safe, are paying out thousands of pounds to trippers every day. I doubt whether it is wise for the Queen and the prime minister to encourage this rush to litigation, however sorely provoked. But if their cases come to court, I wish to cover them as sketch writer. They will make superb copy, as well as a fortune for the lawyers.



Desperation on the dole

For those who are out of work, life in front of a television set is just as miserable in Surrey as it is in Merseyside

William Rees-Mogg

John Major is probably the only British prime minister in history with real personal experience of involuntary unemployment on the dole. That is a good thing. Unemployment is not an abstract condition, a statistical variable like the public sector borrowing requirement which can be analysed in a cold-blooded way. It is a destructive social disorder, invading millions of individual lives, destroying security, breaking families, creating fear, annihilating hope.

The depression of the early 1990s has spread unemployment more widely than ever before, through all regions and through all classes. That too may have advantages. It has created a nationwide demand for action. Even in the early 1980s unemployment was something which happened to industrial workers in the north, not to professional workers in the south.

Two groups are suffering most intensely — those who have never had a job, and those who may never get a job again. They are closest to despair. Since the 1930s — and the 1930s are now a long time ago — it has never been more difficult for young people to find their way into the job market, whatever training courses they have taken. They can feel that if you have not already found a job, you cannot get one.

Equally those who lose their jobs in middle life may have little real prospect of getting back into work, or at least into comparable work. This is true both at the industrial and the professional level. Of course, the luckier of them have been given some redundancy money, perhaps even an early retirement pension. But it takes resilience to adapt to the life of a retired bank official at the age of 50, with at least a decade of reasonable career expectations lost. Life in front of the television set, with no function and no motivation, is as miserable in Surrey as it is in Merseyside.

At present unemployment is still rising, and the rise has been accelerating. The latest news of the insolvency of DAF, the parent company of Leyland, threatens more than 5,000 jobs directly, and perhaps another 10,000 indirectly. The recovery is still far too weak to be replacing such jobs, let alone to reduce unemployment.

There were nearly three million out of work at the end of 1992; that is likely to rise to three-and-a-half million in 1993. The timing of the eventual peak cannot be predicted. Unemployment is almost certain to go on rising for the next 18 months, but if it followed the pattern of the mid-1980s, could go on rising for as long as three years. A peak of unemployment of around four-and-a-half million in early 1996 is perfectly conceivable.

It is hard to see where the new jobs are going to come from. For the last ten years large industrial companies have been raising production and cutting employment. That is how they have remained competitive. This process has to continue; they would not survive if it did not. The pressure to raise productivity has spread from industrial businesses, which always faced competition in world markets, to commercial businesses, including banks and insurance companies, and to central and local government. Mass white-collar employment, the commercial culture of which Canary Wharf is the architectural symbol, is in rapid decline.

In the 1980s most of the jobs were created by small businesses, many of which were new. The depression of the early 1990s has been a small business disaster, far worse in that sector than in larger scale enterprise. It has seen the end of tens of thousands of traditional small businesses, destroyed by falling sales, high interest rates and the reduced value of property assets. The morale of those entrepreneurs who have survived has been traumatised. They are scarred; they are frightened; they are not going over the top again in a hurry.

In Britain, we have largely relied on bank loans to finance businesses below the threshold of the stock market. The great expansion of the 1980s largely depended on bank debt, which it was hoped would eventually be repaid out of earnings. Much of that debt never was repaid, and never will be. Even large entrepreneurs such as Robert Maxwell, and other big names of the 1980s, fell headlong into the debt trap.

We now therefore have a natural aversion shared by the surviving entrepreneurial businesses and banks. The businesses see debt as a liability which can destroy them; the banks see lending to these businesses as a licence to lose money. There is no prospect of either side financing a new expansion of small business employment in the way the 1980s boom was financed. Both sides want to reduce debt, not increase it. We need policies to restore their relationship, which might include an extension of continental banking practices to Britain. German banks have often taken equity stakes which made them long-term partners of their business customers.

There are two positive elements in the outlook for employment. The first is that the baby boom of the post-war period has already reached the job market. The age groups which will be looking for first jobs from now on are much smaller than they were in the 1980s, about level with natural retirement. The second favourable factor is that Britain is attracting substantial Japanese investment because we are a low-cost, English-speaking nation inside the European market. Very likely the best outcome for Leyland would be a Japanese takeover.

What response should the prime minister make? In the first place he should accept that employment has become the judge and jury on economic policy, to borrow a phrase that Nigel Lawson applied to inflation. The government's main task in this parliament is to arrest the rise in unemployment and reverse it. That is politically necessary if the Conservatives are to retain power at the next election. It is socially necessary, if British society is not to become even more divided and depressed.

What would a full employment policy require? It must not be a policy of inflation. The most successful example of large-scale job creation in recent years is that of the Reagan administration in the United States. Because of the gridlock between the White House and Congress, President Reagan's supply-side economic policies did not solve the US deficit, which doubled in the eight years he was in office, but they did help to create 18 million new jobs. The Clinton administration itself may be returning to supply-side policies. Lloyd Bentsen, the new secretary of the treasury, was an emphatic supply-sider in the late 1970s, when he was chairman of the joint economic committee. The *National Review* quotes him as saying at that time: "I think all of us have come to understand that this nation desperately needs policies that encourage savings, investment and increase productivity." That is what Britain needs now.

The next Budget should be judged on the encouragement it gives to businesses. Lord Lawson's tax reforms have left Britain with a more efficient tax system, but his 40 per cent capital gains tax is far too high, even after indexing. It would probably be right to abolish this tax, because it is a tax on investment. Nothing could do more to improve the use of assets, or speed recovery. The uniform business tax rate should be cut; most new business rents have fallen by over 50 per cent; the unchanged business rate is a burden that destroys businesses and destroys jobs.

Lower taxes on businesses and investment should be accompanied by lower interest rates. The reduction of base rate to 6 per cent shows how necessary it was to leave the exchange-rate mechanism, but broad money supply is not responding, and is growing much too slowly. Further cuts to American or Japanese levels will be needed. There may be a risk of inflation when recovery gets into its stride; there is little risk of inflation now.

The whole machine of government should give priority to business recovery and the reduction of supply-side handicaps as the central national purpose. A low cost, low taxation, well educated, high productivity, high saving Britain is a feasible national objective. Such a Britain would have far lower rates of unemployment. No doubt we should be uncomfortably competitive for some of our European neighbours, but we would be contributing to the prosperity of Europe.

This job can only be done on free enterprise lines; it is therefore a natural role for a Conservative government. Britain is threatened by rising unemployment, continued depression and increasingly angry world protectionism. The British economy is currently flying near its stalling point. Safety does not lie in reducing speed still further, but in accelerating out of danger.

Peace, what peace?

Conor Cruise O'Brien questions Lord Owen's plan

The horrors broadcast on Channel 4's *Dispatches* programme yesterday will no doubt increase public pressure for greater military intervention in Bosnia. This is understandable, but the pressure should be resisted. Marrack Goulding in his new UN political role must also beware the pressure. External military intervention in quest of a political solution would not end the horrors of the civil war; it would increase them by greatly intensifying the existing conflict.

The Vance-Owen plan, now on offer in New York, is being presented as a rational alternative to military intervention. Instead Nato forces would "police" a ten-region "settlement" to which "representatives" of the various ethnic factions in former Yugoslavia have agreed on paper. In fact, on the chaotic ground in Bosnia, there is no settlement to police. The armed factions there automatically repudiate any concessions their so-called representatives have made. In the circumstances, the policing of the non-existent settlement would be indistinguishable from military intervention to impose a solution. The relatively small Nato force which Vance-Owen contemplates would soon be calling for massive reinforcement, if it was to avoid ignominious withdrawal.

Lord Owen met Warren Christopher, the new US secretary of state, on Monday, and went on to complain at a press conference at the United Nations, that Mr Christopher had "remained silent" on the following question which Lord Owen had put to him: "Which negotiations have ever persuaded an armed force to withdraw from 24 per cent of the territory they have gained?" Mr Christopher has a reputation as an exceptionally discreet diplomatist. Silence was certainly the most discreet response; also the kindest.

Lord Owen's rhetorical question is a classic example of negotiator's hubris. Agreement was so difficult to reach that its value has to be seen as proportionate to the magnitude of the difficulty with which it was achieved. The crude reality that nobody out there on the ground is going to take a blind bit of notice of your precious agreement is too cruel to be contemplated. In your mind, reality is replaced by what has been negotiated.

Mr Christopher, according to Lord Owen, criticised the peace plan as unfair to Bosnia's Muslims. That is certainly not the Clinton administration's main objection to the Vance-Owen plan. The plan, as expounded by Lord Owen himself in New York on Monday, requires "that American troops would have to be deployed on the ground as part of a Nato operation to police the settlement though in much smaller numbers than the roughly 25,000 Washington dispatched to Somalia."

Those words probably seal the fate of the Vance-Owen peace plan. During his campaign, Bill Clinton repeatedly pledged to do more for Bosnia than Mr Bush was doing, but he invariably stipulated that he would not send in American ground troops. That is one campaign promise that the new president is probably not tempted to break. But even if he were so tempted, he would face formidable opposition. The joint chiefs-of-staff have testified in Congress that they are against US military involvement in former Yugoslavia. The joint chiefs will adhere to the doctrine laid down by their chairman, General Colin Powell, "that US forces should only be deployed with a clear victory in sight, and with an obvious way out". Those conditions can certainly not be met in former Yugoslavia.

It is fortunate that General Powell and his colleagues, in the nature of things, are likely to have more influence over policy on former Yugoslavia than Mr Vance and Lord Owen. Yet there is an interventionist option which being wholly "made in America" will be tempting to the new president in a way that Vance-Owen will not. This is the plan put forward, in the last weeks of the Bush administration, by a former chief-of-staff, retired air force general Michael J. Dugan. The Dugan plan proposes war with Serbia, which will be fought by the Americans in the air only. The ground forces will be supplied by Britain, France and Italy. This is obviously an attractive plan for a new American president, since it promises plenty of glory with few or no American casualties. The attractions for the European allies of the role assigned to them are less obvious.

John Major, at his forthcoming meeting with President Clinton should sound a cautionary note over former Yugoslavia. Unfortunately he cannot oppose the Vance-Owen peace plan, since the EC has given that daft document its seal of approval. But he can at least refrain from urging the president to back it. And he can make clear that he is not going to commit British troops in an effort to impose peace. Without referring to the Dugan plan, he can make clear that it is not on.

Indeed the term "peace-keeping", as applied to the present role of the troops is utterly misleading. It is obvious to all that no peace is being kept, and the supposed peacekeepers are unfairly discredited by the term. They should be referred to in terms of their real and helpful role as escorts for aid.

In America "peacemaking" is in regular use as a way of referring to going beyond peacekeeping into massive military intervention. This is a misnomer of Orwellian proportions. "Peacemaking" means warmaking.

Island of adventure

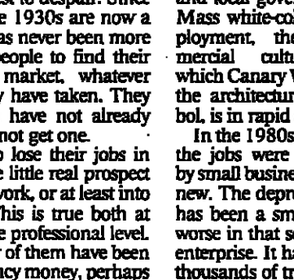
THE whoop of delight greeting John MacGregor's announcement that the Isle of Wight's 12-mile railway is included in the first phase of the great British Rail sell-off was a cry of Thatcherite triumph. The island, all 23 miles wide by 11 miles long, is fast becoming a paradise for fans of the privatisation process.

The railway will join the island's bus and ferry services in private hands. But that is far from all. The island's council houses have either been sold or transferred to housing associations: St Mary's, its state of the art hospital in Newport, becomes a trust hospital in the spring; and many of the island's residents, albeit reluctantly, are participating in one of the biggest trials of water meters in the country.

Barry Field, the island's Cowes-based, true-blue Tory MP, is delighted. "We are trying to aspire to a more innovative way of life," he says. Privatisation of the railway, whose passengers are carried by 1948 London Underground carriages, will be a personal triumph for him. Sounding more like his parliamentary neighbour Robert Adley, Field says the island's railway could soon be back to the golden age of steam once it goes private. Indeed, a few miles of tourist track (which Field helped to lay) are already in the hands of a private steam company. Field says: "We hope to extend it to the rest of the island once the old lines, which disappeared after Beeching, can be revived."

Could the Isle of Wight take this further and declare its independence? Field, a staunch supporter of Baroness Thatcher, has had some constituency letters recently, "asking why don't we ask to leave the clutches of the Treasury and have our own tax. I would not be able to represent them as MP. So I hope they did not mean it personally."

● *Michael Heseltine must be regretting his Tory conference promise to intervene in industry before breakfast, lunch and dinner. Labour MPs recently decided to test the strength of his resolve by asking him to list his engagements before 9am. In a Commons written answer Heseltine revealed that from early October to the end of December he managed only one breakfast with businessmen.*



Help at second hand

THE last thing Lambeth council needs as it struggles with allegations of multi-million-pound fraud is gloating from Tory boroughs. But that is exactly what it received last night from its neighbouring high-Tory council, Wandsworth, whose leader, Edward Lister, tabled a provocative motion offering Lambeth the services of Wandsworth's management team "in order that the good name of London local government can be restored as soon as possible".

The motion has incensed Wandsworth's Labour group, whose leader, Tony Belton, has tabled a motion in reaction. "Wandsworth is in a constant cynical political game with its neighbours," he fumes. "It's childlike." A spokesman from Lambeth council finds Wandsworth's suggestion "beneath contempt. How does one even reply to such a ridiculous suggestion?" Move house?

Today's world

ONE of the most influential jobs in broadcasting, the editorship of the Radio 4 *Today* programme, is changing hands. Phil Harding, who has edited the programme since 1987, stands down next week. He has been appointed project manager of the team examining radio frequencies as part of John Birt's controversial plan to introduce a 24-hour news service. Harding will return to current affairs, in an unspecified position, in the autumn.

Mark Damazer, editor of the BBC Television *Nine O'Clock News*, is one of the frontrunners to succeed. But whether he is prepared to turn his back on the glamorous world of television, for a dawn chorus start — albeit an agenda-setting one — is far from certain. Roger Mosey, editor of the BBC Radio 4 *World at One* programme, and David Aaronovitch, head of the BBC's Westminster political unit, are also likely contenders.

● *It was only a matter of time. Following Liz Forgan's now infamous memo to BBC radio staff, which owed much to the literary style of Enid Blyton, a spoof rivalling the breathless tone adopted by the new managing director of radio is now in circulation at Broadcasting House.*

Purporting, quite untruly, to come from Jenny Abramsky, editor of radio news and current affairs, the new memo is not quite so reassuring. "We are all in an exciting frenzy of change and... well, I'm not, of course; you lot will be, though, when I'm through with you." The unknown author signs off: "See you at your leaving party."

Lawson's line

DOMINIC Lawson, editor of *The Spectator*, and son of the former Chancellor Lord Lawson, is said to be the latest name to enter an increasingly crowded frame for the post of editor of *The Economist*. But Lawson, an implacable opponent of the exchange rate mechanism, which *The Economist* supports, is not impressed by such rumours. "I am blissfully happy taking a different line on the ERM at *The Spectator*," he says.

If Lawson did throw his hat in the ring it would put him in direct competition with Matt Ridley, former Washington bureau chief of the news magazine and nephew of Lord Ridley, whose political career Lawson so spectacularly helped to derail.

● *BARONESS Thatcher's telephone referendum on Maastricht has inadvertently run into a few teething problems. It is being investigated by ICSTIS, the independent watchdog for "premium rate" services, for not including the price of the calls on the poster Thatcher used to launch the service. Embarrassing? Telephone Information Services, which runs all 0891 lines, and is responsible for including pricing information, is unabashed. "It was an oversight. Anything that we put out in the future will carry full details."*



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DOUBLE DUTCH DEALING

The DAF débâcle carries lessons for the new Europe

The biggest lorry-maker in Britain is collapsing amid a confusion of corporate cultures. The British government should lead the effort to seek new owners for the former Leyland operations that were merged into the Dutch DAF group in 1987. Otherwise, a contribution of more than £1 billion to the balance of payments is likely to be sacrificed to Dutch and Belgian interests that are better protected by their own governments. Along with the business could go up to 15,000 jobs hanging on DAF's British operations. The government would be blamed, not entirely without cause.

Yesterday's scrambling for national interests was a risk inherent in the original disposal of Leyland. The object of that promising deal was to remove the business from the state sector. As was pointed out at the time, however, Leyland's truck business was sold to a company that lay in the classic continental twilight between public and private sectors. DAF was continuously under-capitalised by British standards, relying on the assumption that the Dutch state, which had a strong indirect involvement in the company, would stand behind it if need be. The British government's stake was part of the Rover package handed to British Aerospace, which had little interest in it. DAF appeared to come into the mainstream of private enterprise when its shares were floated on the Amsterdam and London stock exchanges. But while this heavily reduced the previous dominant interests, it failed to raise more capital.

This brought much misunderstanding when the recession in the lorry and van business left the company with insufficient capital. The Dutch government has resurfaced to care for its former godchild. According to the continental culture, the banks were expected to go along with a rescue on some unspoken agreement that the company would survive, whatever the accountants might say. When British banks demanded something more tangible, they were taken to be some proxy of a British government washing its hands of the consequences.

The result is a miserable example of what the new Europe means in practice. The Dutch government, with Belgium in tow, has put up money to keep the company going until its future can be sorted out. But it has made clear that it is not putting up money to save British jobs. It also appears to have taken the group's patents and designs as security, effectively seizing a casting vote in its future. Its clear message is that British jobs are a matter for the British government.

This is a challenge that Michael Heseltine, Britain's beleaguered trade secretary, must take up, regardless of the prime responsibility of Leyland DAF's receiver. Mr Heseltine need not and should not do so on the Dutch government's terms or on the assumption that any permanent government investment be involved. But he must challenge any notion that the Dutch government will have a say in the sale of British subsidiaries through control of patents. Leyland DAF's efficient plant in Lancashire, in particular, is just the sort of operation that should take advantage of sterling's devaluation. It would make a fine European base for a Japanese manufacturer whom continental rivals might be keen to keep out.

Mr Heseltine might also care to challenge any permanent state aid for the continental operations of DAF. The European industry is in trouble. If one company is to be shored up by public money, others with no access to public funds will be disadvantaged. Moratoriums are useful to sort out an ailing company's affairs sensibly, whatever legal or financial mechanism is chosen. Government subsidies should not be allowed to overturn the verdict of competitive markets in the new Europe.

RIFKIND'S RETHINK

British forces must be able to respond to world disorder

The most important sentence in Options for Change, the 1990 paper which was billed as the strategic remodelling of Britain's defence forces to take account of the end of the Cold War, turns out to have been the pledge to keep Britain's military strength under constant review in the light of changing circumstances. This was Mr Rifkind's escape clause yesterday, as he announced "a small but sensible adjustment" to the planned size of the army.

The reprieve of a couple of infantry battalions and the redeployment of 2,000 personnel to field army units hardly ranks as a U-turn. The additional £80 million cost must be set beside the Autumn statement's requirement for overall defence cuts of £1.05 billion by April 1995. Its real significance is political. Mr Rifkind has been forced to concede that the world will not stand still until 1995, when the reorganisation of Britain's forces is scheduled for completion.

Options for Change assumed that increased commitments elsewhere in the globe would be more than offset by the diminished threat in Western Europe. The reorganisation was supposed to leave adequate spare capacity for the unexpected. The unexpected was not slow to materialise in 1990: within a few weeks, the Rhine army was being stripped to equip British forces for the Gulf war. Nothing daunted, the government pressed ahead with further cuts in defence spending and manpower.

Mr Rifkind's concessions will not satisfy the Commons select committee on defence, which next week publishes a report calling for a halt to cuts in army manpower. Nor would he have been wise to meet such a demand. No defence purpose is to be served by maintaining an army larger than Britain can afford to equip as a first class fighting formation. Smaller could mean better; Nato's concept of rapid reaction forces, in which Britain has a central role, is a sound response to the unpredictable world of post-communist disorder. Once regrouped, British forces should be ready, as promised, to engage in "high-intensity conflict; to contribute to multinational formations (and) to deploy flexibly and rapidly".

The problem Mr Rifkind has been forced to face is that the disruptions involved in reorganisation have left Britain badly overstretched even in terms of its core commitments in Northern Ireland and Nato and ill prepared to meet potentially vital demands on it in former Yugoslavia. Mr Rifkind claims that the army will now have "the flexibility and resilience it needs". That may be right if the aim is only, as he suggested, to ease the burden on British forces in Northern Ireland. But what of Britain's capacity to meet what he referred to as "significant" new demands for British participation in UN peacekeeping in former Yugoslavia and elsewhere?

Mr Rifkind gives the impression of a man bowing to the inevitable. He has consistently maintained that the Options for Change strategy is compatible with full British participation, where necessary, in allied ventures outside the Nato area. He has yet to hint that he is prepared to put British military muscle behind the Vance-Owen plan to end the fighting in Bosnia. But he must at least be able to demonstrate that the obstacle is not military incapacity. That must be the test of the adequacy of the adjustments he has announced. It will not be long coming.

ENGLISH CIVIL WAR

Teachers should not obstruct this year's tests for 14-year-olds

The vote by the National Union of Teachers for a boycott of this summer's English tests for 14-year-olds threatens a serious dereliction of duty in the classroom. Teachers are required by law to teach the national curriculum and administer the examinations that test pupils' progress. If the boycott goes ahead, local authorities and governors will have to decide how to respond to the legal action that angry parents are likely to take.

Ministers are holding fire in the hope that the protest will wither in the months ahead and that the "90 per cent" support for a boycott reported by the NUT yesterday is misleading. But the anger of moderate teachers has been successfully exploited by militants. Other unions may follow the NUT lead this week. There is every chance that thousands of teenagers will now be denied a vital qualification. The union's credibility as a defender of pupils' interests is in tatters.

No subject has been so corrupted by ideology and the belief in social engineering in the classroom. The English national curriculum enshrines a much simpler ideal: that all children should be capable when they leave school of reading and writing in standard English and have a basic knowledge of canonical literature.

Testing is at the heart of the education reforms, enabling parents and teachers to monitor pupils' progress. It will eventually be possible to estimate the "value added" by each school, by tracing the results of a group of pupils at different stages of their careers from 7 to 16. This information revolution should not be reversed or delayed.

Nevertheless, there are lessons in the current fiasco for ministers and for the merged curriculum and assessment council which will be set up by the new education act. Most teachers accept the need for reliable assessment but have been dismayed by the management of this year's English tests. Whereas the pilot examinations for 14-year-olds in mathematics and science last year were sat by 500,000 pupils at 80 per cent of state schools, the new English tests have been tried out on a much smaller sample of 3,000. Heads were not informed of the compulsory literary texts their staff would have to teach until well into the school year; the majority of private schools — scarcely bastions of militancy — have opted out of the assessments entirely.

Mr Patten has already announced a five-year review of the primary national curriculum. He should also keep a eye on the planning of new tests to minimise the sort of bureaucratic confusion which has persuaded moderate teachers (unwisely) to support the boycott. Above all, the NUT's fatuous vote illustrates the need for a completely new machinery of consultation to enable teachers to air grievances but also to enforce a sense of professional responsibility. The expected introduction of performance-related pay and the reform of teacher training this year is an ideal opportunity for such a transformation. The profession needs a new representative council: a Royal College of Teachers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Difficult choices to be made at the dying of the light

From Dr Derek Hall

Sir, William Rees-Mogg ("Dying is a better way of death", January 25) invokes the opinion of Dr Robert Twycross in arguing the case against euthanasia, expressing views with which I would have agreed both as a Christian and as a former general medical practitioner.

Since developing malignant disease myself and attending a hospice day centre once a week, I have changed my attitude.

My fellow patients and I realise we are being superbly treated both at the hospice and in local hospitals. Most of us are pain-free.

My concern is for the multitude of patients who are not considered suitable for hospice care but who take a long time dying with great distress to themselves and their families — people with motor neurone disease, severe strokes, senile dementia, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, etc.

The physical and psychological processes through which these increasing numbers have to pass are not benign. Resources for their care are inadequate already. It is their plight and not my own which makes me wonder whether euthanasia is a solution for some if inadequate attention and loss of dignity are the only alternatives that some patients are offered.

Legislation and implementation are fraught with difficulties but surely society has a duty to examine and provide humane solutions, even those conflicting with established ethics or one's own belief.

Yours faithfully,
D. W. HALL,
3 Water Farm, Duck Street,
Elham, Canterbury, Kent.
January 26.

From the Right Reverend Maurice Wood

Sir, According to William Rees-Mogg, Dr Robert Twycross identifies four aspects of suffering which doctors should face when treating the terminally ill. Of these, in my view, the psychological and spiritual state of the patient is crucial. Those who favour euthanasia should take note of this and imagine the effect on the patient if the attendant doctor had the power of death.

Those already weak in body, dealing with complex feelings of loss, would be further weakened by thinking they were a burden to others and a cost to society and that the responsible action on their part would be to consent to euthanasia.

Surely it is incompatible with a caring society that we make our weakest and most vulnerable members feel guilty for remaining alive?

Yours faithfully,
MAURICE WOOD
(Chairman),
Order of Christian Unity,
Christian Unity House,
58 Hanover Gardens, SE11.
January 26.

From Dr David Jeffrey

Sir, My impression from general practice is that people die in the way that they live. Those who have a stubborn, fighting spirit tend to die "raging at the dying of the light", whilst those who have an accepting nature may have a calmer end. A good death is one where the patient has the choice, free of pain and other distressing symptoms, to live right up to the moment of death.

We need to correct the image that a good death is necessarily a serene experience occurring in a hospice. The lessons learned from the large hospices can be applied in the home or hospital situation by district nurses, general practitioners, hospital nurses and junior hospital doctors — the medical and nursing professionals who care for the vast majority of dying patients.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID JEFFREY
(Medical Director),
Evesham Community Hospital,
Waterside, Evesham, Worcestershire.
January 26.

From Mr John Oliver

Sir, I must correct William Rees-Mogg's assertion that one in 250 deaths in The Netherlands is due to involuntary euthanasia. The Remmelink report, the world's first open and refreshingly honest look at medical decisions at the end of life, showed that some 1,000 people had their death agonies shortened by medical intervention without having gone through the full procedures for voluntary euthanasia, but this figure is nowhere near the number he quotes.

I believe Lord Rees-Mogg is confusing cases of active euthanasia with passive euthanasia, which he elsewhere calls "letting nature take its course". Common examples are withholding or withdrawing treatment to allow the patient to die, or providing such high doses of analgesics that death is hastened.

As he says, these medical decisions, which inevitably result in the patient's death, are frequent in hospices and hospitals the length and breadth of Britain.

The outcome, and the intention of doctors, is thus exactly the same as in active euthanasia. It would be hypocrisy to suggest otherwise. The important elements in both situations are the motive of the doctor and the wishes of the patient.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN OLIVER
(General Secretary),
Voluntary Euthanasia Society,
13 Prince of Wales Terrace, W8.

From Mrs Jean McCormick

Sir, How can William Rees-Mogg believe that a dying patient "leaves the world of action and doing and enters a world of acceptance and being"?

Maybe this is true for the fortunate few, but in general the dying process is a sad caricature of life — senility, discomfort, loss of dignity and despair predominating — and overall a longing, even in the most devoutly religious, for death.

It is surely paradoxical that Christians who are firmly committed to personal choice for their souls' salvation should be so opposed to such choice for the life or death of their bodies.

Yours faithfully,
JEAN McCORMICK,
17 River Green,
Hamble, Hampshire.

Degrees of artistic achievement

From Professor Peter Dickinson

Sir, Your leader, "Degrees of expertise" (January 27), about the new acting degree at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, draws misleading parallels between higher education in music and drama.

Degree courses in music are no longer confined to universities: the music colleges have had them for many years, some in collaboration with universities.

Performance — much in demand from students — is now thoroughly catered for within most university undergraduate music degrees. The gap between conservatoire and university courses has narrowed in a context where it is recognised that performers need intellectual and contextual studies from their degree course in either type of institution.

These studies, in music at least, are not a "woolly package of peripheral subjects" and the move towards degree courses has reflected the nature of the discipline and the varied demands on performers in a highly competitive environment. So much so that what used to be regarded as the conservatoire element of university music departments is seriously underfunded, has fallen far behind professional needs, and urgently needs better space and facilities.

Yours faithfully,
PETER DICKINSON,
Music Department,
Goldsmiths' College,
University of London, SE14.
January 28.

From the Administrator of the Northern Ballet School

Sir, To channel all dance and drama students into degree courses for the sake of obtaining mandatory status for grants begs two questions. The level of mandatory awards for ordinary degree-course tuition is less than half the average level of fees for dance courses accredited by the Council for Dance Education and Training. Employers of dancers do not scan CVs for BAs; they audition performers.

Time spent in training on gathering marginal knowledge of no practicality in performance is time lost to heightening artistry and refining technique.

If mandatory awards for dance training cannot be obtained without the introduction of degrees, government support is needed to ensure that adequate funds are distributed to local education authorities to cover properly the demands on the discretionary award system and to ensure that those funds are distributed for the purpose for which they were intended.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. RADCLIFFE,
Administrator,
Northern Ballet School,
10 Oxford Road, Manchester 1.

Profits from smoking

From Professor John Cairns, FRS

Sir, Neither your editorial (January 21) nor the recent letters (January 28) mention a crucial factor in the debate about tobacco advertising. Smokers start in their teens and die, on average, about ten years sooner than non-smokers. For almost all their working lives they are therefore required to pay a tax that non-smokers are spared and then finally have to forgo ten years' worth of old-age benefits.

So the Treasury gains in two ways, each of which, as a DHSS (Department of Health and Social Security) white paper pointed out in 1972, far exceeds the costs of the chronic illnesses associated with smoking.

When I last made the calculation, the tax on tobacco and the savings on old-age benefits came to more than half the cost of the National Health Service.

Addicting a nation to tobacco might seem a good way of paying for a health service, but it is no longer a fair way of doing so. Since the discovery of the hazards of smoking, more and more of the rich and better educated have given up; the poor have not. When cabinet ministers argue that the tobacco industry should be free to advertise, we should realise their arguments are self-serving.

Like the organisers of the opium wars with China 150 years ago, they know that they and their children will reap the benefits and that it will be others (this time, Britain's poor) who lose, twice over — first paying and then dying.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN CAIRNS
(Professor of Microbiology, Harvard School of Public Health, 1980-91),
Holly Grove House,
Wilcote, Charlbury, Oxfordshire.

From Mr D. U. Morgan

Sir, Although I do not smoke I have every sympathy with those passengers who are incensed by the total ban on smoking recently imposed by British Rail on certain trains.

The railway authorities would be more usefully employed in seeking to curb a greater nuisance now to be seen, or rather heard, on the trains.

I refer to those passengers who incessantly make and receive calls on portable telephones.

Yours faithfully,
D. U. MORGAN,
Flat 15, 52 Pont Street, SW1.
January 27.

From Dr J. A. D. Ewart

Sir, In equity, the loss of tax from tobacco should be made up by anti-smokers; smokers and those tolerating a right to smoke should be exempt.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. D. EWART,
Delgany, Solesbridge Lane,
Chorleywood, Hertfordshire.
January 28.

Hospital openings

From Mr Alan Meyer

Sir, You report (January 25) on the new 665-bed Chelsea and Westminster Hospital in Chelsea, and the opening by the health secretary of the new education centre, which has cost £400,000, at Broadmoor Special Hospital.

The total cost of the 665 beds in Chelsea in this new but probably unnecessary hospital — close by Charing Cross Hospital now facing closures — could have provided an approximately equal number of urgently needed NHS facilities or improvements for patients.

This is one of the reasons for concern about the opening of this ambitious new NHS hospital at the same time as the Tomlinson report recommends closure or merger of famous London hospitals to remove the already existing 2,500 beds suggested to be surplus to London's needs.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN MEYER
(Chairman),
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10 Carteret Street,
Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
January 26.

Disarming tactics

From Dr D. G. Guild

Sir, Having read recently how the Serbs in Croatia had recovered artillery pieces which were in the hands of the UN, I ask whether something could not have been done to make them unusable.

I am not taking sides, merely advocating the removal of such weapons from all the combatants, to free them from temptation and to reduce the carnage.

One suggestion I heard, which would have fitted the bill, was to remove the breech blocks and then, perhaps, drop them in the Adriatic.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID G. GUILD,
53 Grange Road, Edinburgh 9.
January 26.

Level playing fields

From Mr Gyles Brandreth, MP for the City of Chester (Conservative)

Sir, During the recent Commons debate on the second reading of the National Lottery Bill (report, January 26) playing fields in general, and level ones in particular, were referred to no fewer than 100 times.

As chairman of the national association dedicated to the protection (and improvement) of playing fields, I am delighted they feature so prominently in the rhetoric of politicians, but concerned that our charity derives no direct benefit from the extensive use of what seems to have become the most popular cliché of our times.

Would MPs, and others, consider making a small donation to this association every time they use the term "level playing field" as a figure of speech?

Yours faithfully,
GYLES BRANDRETH
(Chairman),
National Playing Fields Association,
25 Ovington Square, SW3.
February 2.

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Leasehold reform

From Mr N. J. Jasper

Sir, When I pay a car-parking fee I do not expect to forfeit my property to the landowner if I outstay the period of time leased for the parking plot. The most I expect is inconvenience: a small fine or wheel-clamping. Normally of course I remove my mobile property before the time expires.

Landowners own land. Leaseholders utilise the land by building, owning and keeping their houses in a good state. Currently, at the end of the period of lease, based on feudal ideas, the land together with the house become the property of the landowner. The leaseholder's interest is suddenly assumed to be nil.

Who should rightfully become the owner at the end of the period of lease, the houseowner or the landowner? The Leasehold Reform Act 1967 recognised this dilemma. As a palliative to landowners, this Act ruled the value of the plot to be a direct function of the value of the house.

This was a radical change. It accepts that the value of the plot is attained only because of the value of the house. Does it not follow that the leaseholder who built the house and who owns it has a greater claim on the whole package than the landowner?

When this change in concept in 1967 is combined with the rise in house prices since that time and with the remnants of feudal ideas, we can better understand why the vast ducal estates are highly overvalued from the landowner's position. This has come about largely as a result of political expediency.

Why should higher-value houses be excluded from progressive thinking? Is it right that pressure from artificially wealthy landowners should be allowed to invert the enlightenment of leasehold reform, whilst gladly accepting the pricing benefits, thereby causing great distress to so many houseowners with shortening leases, on such a fragile basis?

It is high time this anomaly was corrected. Perhaps all leasehold houses should have been made mobile. Then land values would revert to their real worth.

Yours etc,
NORMAN JASPER,
28 Pasture Road,
Letchworth, Hertfordshire.
February 1.

Health policy

From Miss Liz Lynne, MP for Rochdale (Liberal Democrat)

Sir, I would like to clarify the impression of our health policy in your report (January 22), "Lib Dems accept reform". Before the last election I and my party were opposed to health trusts and GP fundholding, and, in principle, I still am.

However, what I accept is that by the next election the government's health service reforms will be so deeply embedded that more radical change to the NHS will just further damage the services and the patients who use it. This may not be where I and my party would like to be but we must accept the reality of the situation.

This, however, does not mean that the distortions in the government's reforms should not be corrected, nor does it mean that Liberal Democrats will stop pressing for the things we think important, such as greater local accountability and patient involvement, better funding and an effective preventive medicine programme.

We will continue to propose new ideas, such as locality fundholding, and encourage widespread consultation to ensure that any new proposals will actually work.

Yours sincerely,
LIZ LYNNE
(Liberal Democrat health and community care spokesperson),
House of Commons.

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Ties that bind

From His Honour Philip Johnson, Administrator of Tristan da Cunha

Sir, You will appreciate how remote is this island when I tell you I have only just seen a copy of a letter about unusual neckties from His Honour Peter Mason, QC, which you published on November 3, 1992.

While I hesitate to contradict a learned judge and QC, I feel I must comment on his statement that Tristan da Cunha has no golf course. Perhaps at the time of his visit a year ago it was being used in its other role as a cow pasture.

The nine-hole course may not reach the standard of the Royal and Ancient, but play can certainly be described as adventurous.

If I remember correctly, Mr Mason bought one of the last remaining Tristan da Cunha Golf Club ties. He might like to know that I have just acquired a new supply.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP JOHNSON,
The Administrator,
Tristan da Cunha, South Atlantic.
January 23.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 3: The Prince Edward this evening attended the Institution of Electrical Engineers' Faraday Lecture 1992/93 presented by British Gas followed by a Dinner at the Barbican Centre, London EC2.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

February 3: The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, this morning visited the bureau at Tooke House, 20 Bull Plain, Hertford, to open the new premises and in celebration of its Twenty First Anniversary and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hertfordshire (Mr Simon Bowes Lyon).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, afterwards opened Jenny Chapman House, 167 Shephall View, Stevenage.

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, later visited the fund's shop, 16 Church Yard, Hitchin.

Her Royal Highness, President, Patrons of Crime Concern, this evening attended a Presentation of Effective Youth Crime Prevention Programmes, Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, Forbes House, Halkin Street, London SW1. Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 3: The Prince of Wales today visited Blackburn and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Lancashire (Mr Simon Towneley).

His Royal Highness, President, Business in the Community, this morning attended a Meeting to discuss the initiatives of the Blackburn Partnership, Bangor Street Community Centre, Brookhouse.

The Prince of Wales afterwards met community leaders, tenants and representatives of the Groundwork Trust and the Prince's Trust Volunteers at the Centurion public house, Roman Road Estate.

His Royal Highness this afternoon attended a Meeting on the role of business in environmental regeneration with the Blackburn Groundwork Trust and the Business Environment Association at the Roman Road Community Centre.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Youth Business Trust, finally met those assisted by the trust and other local groups at King George's Hall.

Mr Hugh Merrill was in attendance.

His Royal Highness this evening received the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (the Rt Hon Douglas Hurd MP).

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 3: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a gala performance of William Douglas Home's play, "The Kingfisher" held at the Redgrave Theatre, Farnham, in aid of the "Save the Redgrave" Appeal.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County of Surrey (Mr Richard Thornton).

The Hon Mrs Whitehead was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
February 3: Princess Alexandra this afternoon visited the new Hornsey Centre for cerebral palsied children at Dukes Avenue, Muswell Hill, London N10.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

TONY WHITE



Gone to pot: Joanne Groves of Sotheby's, ringed by a collection of more than 500 Victorian pot lids which sold for a grand total of £26,590 at Billingshurst, West Sussex, yesterday (Sarah Jane Checkland writes). They were offered by the son of a member of the pot lid collectors' society who had acquired them from auction rooms and antique shops all over the world, and they had covered rooms in the family home from floor to ceiling. The actual pots had been disposed of once their contents had been used, but the lids were kept for their attractive illustrations. Good sellers included lids from so-called "bears' grease" pots which once contained a popular Victorian cosmetic of that name. One lot comprising three small lids with pictures of "Bear attacked by dogs", "Alas poor Bruin" and "Bears at School" fetched £230 (estimate £150 to £200). A group of lids including images of politicians' homes was one of five lots which failed to sell.

Archaeology

Pyramid was redesigned while building went on

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

A NEW key to one of the enduring mysteries of the Great Pyramid has been proposed by one of Britain's leading Egyptologists. A change in ideology led to structural alterations during the pyramid's construction, Dr Eiddon Edwards suggests, resulting in the initiation and abandonment of several intended burial chambers.

The largest of the three main pyramids on the Giza Plateau near Cairo, the Great Pyramid, was built for the pharaoh Khufu or Cheops (c2551-2528 BC). His father Snofru had erected his own pyramids at Meidum and Dashur, a short distance to the south, and when it was begun Khufu's monument was clearly intended to be of similar design.

Dr Edwards, who was Keeper of Egyptian Antiquities at the British Museum for many years, points out that in this scheme the funerary chambers are cut into the bedrock. That of Khufu was never finished, however. "It resembles a quarry in which work had come to an abrupt end owing to some unexpected development", he says.

That development was, Dr Edwards believes, "an important new requirement in the mortuary cult, which only emerged since Khufu ascended the throne and after a considerable amount of work had been done on his pyramid". The demand was associated with the rise of a solar cult, which had already led to the adoption of the true pyramid as a stairway to the sun and a representation of its rays shining down.

According to the solar creed, when the king died he was assimilated into the sun-god Re, and at sunset entered the mouth of the sky-goddess Nut. He passed through her body during the night, and was reborn at dawn: one of the "Pyramid Texts" apostrophises the king as "Re, who came forth from Nut, who bears Re daily, and you are born daily like Re".

Another text equates the body of Nut with the sarcophagus which held the king's mummy. "The sarcophagus was second in importance only to the pyramid itself", Dr Edwards says. When Khufu decided he should be buried in one, and it was found that the passage to the subterranean chambers was too narrow, a new burial chamber was begun higher up, within the body of the pyramid now under construction.

This room, the so-called "Queen's Chamber", was scheduled into the building programme "at as low a level as would be compatible with the estimated delivery date of the sarcophagus", which would probably have been carved from Aswan granite and shipped down the Nile. What happened next, Dr Edwards believes, is that either the sarcophagus was not finished in time, perhaps because of unforeseen flaws in the granite block, or it was lost in the Nile en route.

The end result was that the Queen's Chamber had to be abandoned as the intended place of sepulture when it was almost complete because the sarcophagus was not there to be installed in it, and then that yet another chamber had to be built even higher up.

Even then the sarcophagus that was placed there showed signs of hurried workmanship and poor finishing: it had to be in place before the "King's Chamber" could be roofed and the topmost part of the pyramid constructed.

The scramble may have been partly due to the unfamiliar requirement that a sarcophagus be used instead of a wooden coffin: "the bare fact is that, with one possible but unlikely exception, the sarcophagus in the Great Pyramid is the earliest known to have been of a *king*", Dr Edwards says.

Thus one of the most durable curiosities in Egyptology could have been simply the byproduct of government plans being changed unpredictably, and the unfortunate architects and engineers having to redesign their building rapidly and drastically after it had begun; ancient Egypt may not have differed so much from the modern world after all.

The Royal Society of Chemistry

The following were admitted as Fellows of The Royal Society of Chemistry on January 22, 1993.

They are entitled to use the designation 'Chartered Chemist' and the letters CChem FRSC:

S A Adediran, M J Almond, W I Archer, M N R Ashfold, A Ashton, M Baron, R J Brod, R P Carpenter, C-H Charsley, C Y F Cheng, T F Child, C S Cundy, T A Egerton, P W Gerrard, C-P Haelsig, B K Handa, A R Haygarth Jackson, K W S Ho, A F Hubbard, D T E Hunt, P Kathirgamanathan, D Lacy, S Lotz, N A J Luff, A S McGill, P O'Brien, P J Parsons, W J Ross, K D Sales, D Schulster, A G Smith, N J Stewart, T W Swaddle, W J R Tyerman, C J Vear, S Welsh, P C White, K Williamson.

Dinners

Two Cities Dining Club
Sir Marcus Fox, MP, Chairman of the 1922 Committe, was the guest speaker at a dinner given by the Two Cities Dining Club at St Ermin's Hotel yesterday. Mr Kenneth Dibben was in the chair.

Bus & Coach Council
The President of the Bus & Coach Council, Mr Bill Cottham and Members of the Council presided at the Annual Dinner at the Café Royal, London, W1, yesterday. Among the guests were the Lord Teviot, Mr Simon Coombs, MP, Mr John L Marshall, MP, Mr Gary Waller, MP, and the Traffic Commissioners for England, Scotland and Wales.

Forthcoming marriages

Captain W.M. Dwerryhouse and Miss J.C. Douglas
The engagement is announced between Captain Mark Dwerryhouse, The Life Guards, elder son of Mr Peter Dwerryhouse, of Lower Froyle, Hampshire, and Mrs Kenneth Combe, of Southrop, Gloucestershire, and Jessica, daughter of Mr Robert Douglas, of Budleigh Salterton, Devon, and Mrs William Seabrook, of Fulham, London.

Mr C.S. Matthews and Mlle F. Ménard
The engagement is announced between Colin, son of Sir Peter and Lady Matthews, of Nether Wallop, and Florence, daughter of M and Mme Michel Ménard, of Chambéry, France.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn, Norfolk, at 2.30.

The Prince of Wales, as a Trustee of the National Gallery, will attend a meeting of the board of trustees at the gallery at 12.50.

Princess Margaret will attend the premiere of *Damage* at the Curzon West End at 11.50 in aid of the Almeida theatre.

Prince Edward, president, the Lord's Taverners, will attend the *Gary Lineker Evening* at Grosvenor House at 7.30.

The Princess Royal, patron, The Waitangi Foundation, will attend the premiere of *The End of the Golden Weather* at the MGM Cinema, Shaftesbury Avenue, at 7.30.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood Trust, will visit the Paediatric Oncology Unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, at 3.00; will open CLIC Court, 87 Jack Straw's Lane, Headington, at 3.45; and will attend a lecture by Professor David Dilks at Milner Hall, Rhodes House, at 5.05.

Princess Alexandra will attend a concert by the Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra at the Festival Hall at 7.20.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Jeffrey Arcus, Team Vicar, Christ the King w. Holy Trinity, Bury: to be Vicar, St John and St Paul, Ramsbottom (Manchester).

The Rev Canon Michael Banks, Canon Chancellor of Leicester Cathedral: to be *also* Rural Dean of Christianity South (Leicester).

The Rev David Bannocks, Assistant Curate, Stapleford (Southwell): to be Assistant Curate, Christ Church, Southport (Liverpool).

The Rev John Brocklebank, non-stipendiary Minister, St Barnabas, Warrington: to be non-stipendiary Minister, St Margaret, Orford (Liverpool).

The Rev Andrew Cooper, Curate, Rawmarsh w. Parkgate: to be Curate, St Mary's, Mosborough (Sheffield).

The Rev Ian Dawson, non-stipendiary Minister, St Simon and St Jude, Southport: to be non-stipendiary Minister, St James, Birkdale (Liverpool).

The Rev Robin Gamble, Vicar, St Augustine, Bradford: to be *also* an Adviser in Evangelism, diocese Bradford.

The Rev Richard Giles, Priest-in-charge, St Thomas, Huddersfield and Parish Development Officer for the Wakefield diocese: to be the incumbent, St Thomas, Huddersfield, same diocese.

The Rev Joseph Harrop, Vicar, Foxt w. Whiston (Lichfield): to be *also* a Prebend of Lichfield Cathedral.

The Rev Richard Jenkins, Rector, Whitchurch, and Rural Dean of Wem and Whitchurch (Lichfield): to be *also* a Prebend of Lichfield Cathedral.

The Rev David Johnston, formerly Priest-in-charge, Christ Church, Bootle: to be Assistant Curate, St Elphin, Warrington (Liverpool).

The Rev David Lambert, Vicar, St Michael's, Cricklewood (London): to be the incumbent, united benefice of Chenies, Little Chalfont, Latimer and Flaunden (Oxford).

The Rev Charles Mortimer, Assistant Chaplain-in-Chief, responsible for Chaplains and their families, RAF in Germany: to be Vicar, Staincliffe Christ Church (Wakefield).

The Rev William Noblett, Chaplain of HM Prison, Wakefield (Wakefield): to be Chaplain of HM Prison, Norwich (Norwich).

The Rev John Pawson, Vicar, St Francis of Assisi, Meir Heath, and Rural Dean of Stoke-on-Trent (Lichfield): to be *also* a Prebend of Lichfield Cathedral.

The Rev Andy Pell, Assistant Curate, Mottram in Longendale w. Woodhead (Chester): to be Priest-in-charge, Holy Trinity, Walton Breck (Liverpool).

The Rev George Pendleton, Industrial Chaplain with the South Humberside Industrial Mission (Lincoln): to be Assistant Vicar, Conisbrough (Sheffield).

The Rev Roderick Sanders, Curate, St Mary, Luton (St Albans): to be Priest-in-charge, Clovelly and Woolfardisworthy and Bucks Mills (Exeter).

The Rev Paul Slater, Priest-in-charge, Cullingworth: to be Bishop's Personal and Executive Officer, diocese Bradford.

The Rev John Tyers, Priest-in-charge, Ightfield w. Calverhall and of Ash, held in plurality: to be Rector, Ightfield w. Calverhall and Vicar, Ash, held in plurality (Lichfield).

The Rev Neil Vigers, Assistant Curate, Chelsea St Luke and Christ Church: to be Assistant Curate, Staines St Mary and St Peter (London).

The Rev Paul Walker, Curate, Barnard Castle w Whorlton: to be licensed to the Rural Dean of Wearmouth and to be Priest-in-charge, Moorside district of Silkworth (Durham).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Arthur Watling, Rector, Easington w Skeffling, Kilnsea and Holmpton (York): to retire as from July 1.

The Rev Harold Cunliffe, Rector, St Thomas, Golborne (Liverpool): to retire as from March 15.

The Rev Kenneth Farmer, Rector, Barney, Fulmodeston w Croxton, Hindringham and Thursford, and Rural Dean of Holt (Norwich): to retire as from April 26.

The Rev Anthony Lane, Team Vicar, Bournemouth: St Peter w. St Swithun and St Stephen (Winchester): to retire as from May 31.

Birthdays today

Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Ashmore, 72; Mr Colin Black, chairman, Scottish Widows' Fund and Life Assurance Society, 63; the Hon Sir Clive Bossom, former MP, 75; Dr P.E. Thompson Hancock, oncologist, 89; Lord Haslam, 70; the Earl of Hillsborough, 34; Mr R.C. Hoban, writer, 68; the Marquess of Huntly, 49; Mr Steve Knight, jockey, 38; Mr Erich Leinsdorf, conductor, 81; the Hon Mrs Ray Michie, MP, 59; Lord Moncreiff, 78; Mr Stanley Newens, MEP, 63; Mr Justice Nicholson, 60; Mr Tim O'Sullivan, governor, Holloway Prison, 50; Mr Charles Pollard, chief constable, Thames Valley, 48; Mr Richard Ryder, MP, 44; Lord Shawcross, QC, 91; Mr John Willan, managing director, London Philharmonic Orchestra, 50; Mr Norman Wisdom, actor and comedian, 78; the Most Rev Derek Worlock, Archbishop of Liverpool, 73; Professor Sir Christopher Zeeman, principal, Hertford College, Oxford, 68.

Luncheon

Foundation for Science and Technology and Gresham College
Professor P. Nailor, Provost of Gresham College, and Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a discussion luncheon held at the college yesterday. Sir Crispin Tickell spoke.

Service dinner

Inns of Court and City Yeomanry
The Lord Chancellor was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Inns of Court and City Yeomanry at Lincoln's Inn last night. He was received by the Earl of Limerick and Major J.D'A.C. Cartwright, who presided.

Lady Williams of Crosby

The life barony conferred upon the Shirley Vivien Teresa Brittain Williams has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baroness Williams of Crosby, of Stevenage in the County of Hertfordshire.

Royal Aeronautical Society

The following have been elected Fellows of the Society and may use the designatory letters FRAeS:

J R Adderley; C M Albone; Air Marshall Sir Michael Alcock; D J Allman; M B Aubury; F Aughton; Professor D E H Balmford; H R Bamberg; Wing Commander P A Barrett; Dr P Bartholomew; Group Captain R Brumpton; R J Bryanston-Cross; Rear Admiral C H D Cooke-Priest; Air Marshal Sir Barry Duxbury; R I Eddington; Squadron Leader H O Field; W Gardner; Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon; A J Heath; Captain N F Hutchings; A W Jones; Air Vice Marshal R H Kyle; D A Laybourn; L Lemanski; R W R McNulty; J E C Mayes; D H Moss; H Von Muenchhausen; Dr H C Muir; Group Captain T J Nash; Dr G D Padfield; F G Peterson; J E V Rose; J S Shrimplin; Professor J P W Stark; P Stastny; Dr N Toy; M Turner; Air Marshal Sir John Walker; Captain I C Watkins; J P Weston.

Institute of Civil Engineers

The transfer of the following members to the class of fellows has been approved: David Brett, Gordon Clark, Leslie Darrall, Stephen Davies, Sidney Duguid, Roger Eyre, Martin Foster, Jonathan Hinks, Christopher Hope, John Isherwood, Robert Lelliott, Nigel Lloyd, David Logan, Patrick McCorry, Yan Bun Mak, Andrew Neden, Peter Pallett, John Pennington, Garth Powell, Don Ramanayake, Alan Ridley, Gerald Skene, Paul Walker, Edward Wilson.

Appointment

Lady Sarah Clutton to be a Deputy Lieutenant of West Sussex.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Pierre Marivaux, novelist and dramatist, Paris, 1688; George Lillo, dramatist, London, 1693; Carl Bellman, songwriter, Stockholm, 1740; Tadeusz Kosciusko, Polish patriot, Mereczowczezyna, 1746; William Harrison Ainsworth, novelist, Manchester, 1805; Fernand Léger, painter, Argenton, France, 1881; Edwin Pratt, poet, Western Bay, Newfoundland, 1883; Ugo Betti, dramatist, Camerino, Italy, 1892; Ludwig Erhard, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany 1963-66, Fürth, 1897; Jacques Prévert, poet, Neuilly-sur-Seine, 1900; Charles Lindbergh, aviator, Detroit, 1902; Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Protestant theologian, Breslau, 1906.

DEATHS: Lucius Septimus Severus, Roman Emperor 193-211, York, 211; Antonio Pollaiuolo, sculptor, Rome, 1498; John Rogers, Protestant martyr, burnt at the stake, London, 1555; Giovanni Battista Della Porta, philosopher, Naples, 1615; Robert Koldewey, archaeologist who excavated Babylon, Berlin, 1925; Edward Sapir, anthropologist, New Haven, Connecticut, 1939; Karen Carpenter, singer, Los Angeles, 1983; Liberace, pianist, Palm Springs, 1987.

The Yalta conference of Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin opened, 1945.

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BIRTHS

BROWN - See Lindsay Brown.

COWDREY - On January 30th, to Christel (née Holst-Sandel) and Christopher, two sons, Fabian Krause and Julius Lindahl at Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

DE'ATH - On January 24th, in Salisbury, to Isabel (née Buchan) and John, a beautiful daughter, Gabriella Elizabeth Maria, a sister for Robert.

FITZ-GIBBON - On January 26th, to Susan (née Smee) and Gerald, a son, Frederic Alexander Hugo, a brother for Oliver.

HYDE - On January 21st, to Fiona (née Anderson) and Frazer, the gift of a son, Oscar Thomas Alexander.

KEENE - On January 30th, to Rachel (née Ogilvie Thompson) and Richard, a son, Oliver Stephen, a brother for Harold and Justin.

LINDSAY BROWN - On January 29th to Melanie (née Charlton) and John Brown, a daughter Marida Kate.

MARTIN - On January 30th, at Southampton, to Kate (née Luneyl-and Paul, a beautiful daughter, Amy Louise.

MITCHELL - On February 2nd 1993, at the West Middlesex Hospital, to Jenny (née Bissell) and Lloyd, a daughter Hannah Fiona.

MORTON - On Saturday January 23rd, to Carole (née Sinclair) and David, a son, Thomas James Sinclair.

RUTHERFORD - On 31st January, to Hilary (née Woodroofe) and Stuart, a daughter, Zoe Elizabeth.

SOMMER - On January 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Anne and Steven, a wonderful son, Jarett, a brother for Thomas.

SPRING - On January 3rd at the Wellington Hospital, to Barbara and Jeremy, a son, Jayden Harry.

TINDLEY - On February 1st, to Lucinda (née Franks) and George, a daughter, Sophie, a sister for Laura.

WOOLFENDEN - On February 1st at The Portland Hospital, to Caroline (née Birkett) and Jeremy, a son Jake William.

DEATHS

APTAKER - Margot Vera (née Epstein), peacefully at home on Monday night, after a long illness. Cremation 2.30pm on Monday February 8th, Hoop Lane, Golders Green.

AVELING - On 1st February, peacefully in hospital at Ascot, after a long illness, John Hugh (Historian), aged 75. R.I.P Beloved husband of Aileen and father of Paul. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Bracknell, on Monday 8th February at 10 am, followed by burial at Grantham Cemetery on Wednesday 10th February at 2 pm.

BROWN - On February 3rd, Theodora (Theo), daughter of the late H Langford and Dorothy Brown. Funeral Service Friday February 5th at Broadclyst Parish Church at 2 pm. Flowers to M Sillifant & Sons, Funeral Directors, 20 Holloway Street, Exeter by 11 am.

CLAYTON - Peacefully in hospital on 2nd February, Thomas John, aged 83 years. Private cremation. Donations to St Mary's, Marshfield PCC, Marshfield, near Chippenham, Wilts.

FAIREY - Gerald Anthony (Tony), aged 68, in France, on 31st January. Caring husband, father and grandfather. No flowers please. Donations to Cancer Research.

FISHER - On 3rd February, suddenly in Sydney, Dr. Malcolm Robertson Fisher aged 69. Dear husband of Jennifer and loving father of Brian and Kathy. Dr Fisher was formerly fellow and bursar of Downing College, Cambridge.

GREEN - On 29th January 1993, at home, Eva, Lady Green, died peacefully. Much loved mother of Susie and Robin. Private funeral to be held on Monday 8th February 1993 at West London Crematorium. Flowers to J.H Kenyon, 9 Pond Street, Hampstead NW3.

HADDLETON - On Tuesday 2nd February, peacefully at Copper Beeches, Ruth Johnson. Loving mother of Michael, David, Judith and Timothy. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Liss, on Monday 8th February at 11am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Alzheimers Disease Society, c/o Funeral Services Petersfield Ltd., 19 The Square, Petersfield, Hants., GU32 3HR. tel: (0730) 262711.

MAXWELL - On 24th January, suddenly at Sheffield Hallam University, Rupert Emilian James, aged 22. Greatly loved son of Bennett and Judith and brother of Harriet. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium, Richmond-on-Thames, on Thursday February 11th at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations to National Asthma Campaign c/o W.S. Bond Ltd., 19 Bond Street, London W5 5AP. tel: (081) 567-0422.

NASSAR - On January 29th, peacefully at home, Remy Edward Nassar. Funeral Service at the Church of Our Lady of Grace, 247 High Road, Chiswick, London, on Thursday February 4th at 10am.

NAYLER - On January 28th 1993, suddenly, John Herbert Charles Nayler Ph.D., F.R.S.C. former Associate Research Director - Chemistry for Beecham Research Laboratories, Brockham Park. Funeral Service on Tuesday February 9th at Leatherhead Crematorium at 11 am.

NICHOLLS - Margaret, dearly loved wife of the late John C. Nicholls, died on Saturday 30th January. Darling mother of Paul, Graham and Susie and adored grandmother of Marco, Mauro, Hannah, Daniel, Rory and Julian. Family flowers only, please.

PEARSE - On 2nd February, Hugh Francis, peacefully in The Royal Star and Garter Home beloved stepfather and uncle, much loved friend. Funeral Service at St Michael's, Downside, on Wednesday 10th February at 1.15 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond.

PORTEUS - Enquiries about Hugh Gordon Porteus, who died January 23rd, to Stuart Porteus, 20 Glenmoor, Eckington, Pershore, Worcs. WR10 3BW.

SCOBIE - On February 1st, peacefully in hospital, Elizabeth Cowie Young, aged 89 years, after a courageous fight against blindness. Mother of Nancy and Alex. Funeral Service on Monday February 8th at Colchester Crematorium at 12 noon. No flowers. Donations please to British Retinitis Pigmentosa Society, c/o Mrs L Cantor, PO Box 350, Buckingham, MK18 5AS.

SMISSON - Bernard, passed peacefully away at home on Thursday January 28th 1993. Funeral Service will be held in Bristol on Thursday February 4th. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Oxfam c/o CRS Funeral Services, 20 High Street, Westbury on Trym, Bristol. Telephone (0272) 507494.

TENNENT - On January 30th 1993, peacefully at home in Lymington, Doris Evelyn (Doll), aged 92. Beloved wife of the late Commander Hugh P L Tennent R.N. Dearly loved mother of Trisha and Hugh, loving "Gah" to Bruce, Robin, Robert and Ally, devoted "Great Gah" to Elizabeth, Timothy and Charlotte. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist Church, Boldre, on Friday February 12th 1993 at 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, for either the R.N.L.I. or British Heart Foundation may be sent c/o F.W House and Sons, F/D., Lymington, Hampshire.

VERNEY - On February 2nd 1993, peacefully at home at Clare, Sir John Verney Bt. M.C., writer and painter. Beloved husband of Lucinda and much loved father and grandfather. Private family funeral at Middle Claydon, Bucks. Service of Thanksgiving in Clare, on a date to be announced later.

WALKER - Very suddenly on 30th January 1993, Ian A. Walker. Dearly loved husband of Norma and loving father of Simon, Paul and Laura. Cremation at Chelmsford Crematorium on Monday 8th February at 2pm. No flowers please. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation.

WOOD - Ernest Alan, M.D., M.R.C.P., aged 88, loved and loving husband of Eve and Jo's dear Daddy. Funeral at Hastings Crematorium 12 noon on February 10th. Please no flowers. Donations, if desired, to R.N.L.I. may be sent to A.C. Towner Ltd., 2 & 4 Norman Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex.

WOOLSTON - On January 31st 1993, Lavin F.H. (Wool) Major R.E.M.E. retired, aged 80 years. Funeral Service at Taunton Deane Crematorium on Monday February 8th at 10.30 am. No flowers by request. Donations if desired for The Coronary Care Unit, Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, may be sent to Messrs E. White & Son Ltd. Funeral Directors, 138/139 East Reach, Taunton TA1 3HN.

CHEKE - Yvonne - Amanda. amata.

FRANKLIN - On February 4th 1992, Suzanne Mary, beloved wife, mother and grandmother.

POSTS

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CAREW POLE - The Memorial Services for Sir John Carew Pole will be held in Truro Cathedral on February 26th at 2.30 pm and in The Guards Chapel, London, on April 20th at 12 noon.

LACK - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Harry Lack will be held at St Albans Church, Tilford Road, Hindhead, Surrey, on Sunday 28th February 3 pm.

MAYALL - Sir Lees. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday 26th February at 12 noon at the Savoy Chapel.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

ANTHONY - February 4th 1922 - December 16th 1990. Remembered with love today and always. Jennifer.

ASPIN - Gladys (latterly Davies) who died twenty years ago. A devoted and greatly loved mother, grandmother and friend. During her full life, she founded Bron Eifion Country House Hotel, Criccieth, North Wales in 1951. Today was her birthday.

CARPENTER - Karen Anne. Remembered on this tenth anniversary of her tragic passing 4.2.83, aged 32. Forever in the thoughts of Richard and Mary Carpenter of London and Cousin Barry Theobald-Hicks of Surrey.

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JOHN POULSON

John Poulson, the disgraced architect who went to prison in the 1970s for the improper influencing of property contracts, died on January 31 aged 82. He was born in Pontefract on April 14, 1910.



CORRUPTION has seldom been a major feature of British politics. For that reason alone, John Poulson's niche in political history is likely to remain assured. In the 1960s and the 1970s he was at the centre of a web of bribery and corruption that ended up by forcing the resignation of a Conservative Home Secretary, the fall and disgrace of the rising chairman of a regional planning authority — to say nothing of the conviction and imprisonment of Poulson himself, together with a senior Scottish Office civil servant, on seven separate criminal charges. In sentencing the Yorkshire architect to five years in jail (later increased to seven) the judge at the original trial at Leeds Crown Court called him an "incalculably evil man".

Poulson himself vigorously dissented from that judgment, claiming "I have been a fool, surrounded by a pack of leeches. I took on the world on its own terms, and no one can deny I once had it in my fist."

Though never a formally qualified architect "because I was too busy to complete my examinations," Poulson had become a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects by the now defunct method of admission through experience and commonly accepted ability. But, while some of his designs won awards of merit, his business sense always overruled his appreciation of the aesthetic.

The accepted architectural method of completing a design then handing it over for costing, planning and building was too slow, too cumbersome and not profitable enough for the ambitious Poulson. So he developed a combined architectural and design empire where all the separate disciplines could be housed under one roof and one ownership, his own. At its peak it employed some 750 people, making it one of the largest of its kind in Europe. Poulson was involved in the design of numerous council houses and flats; an international swimming pool for Leeds; The Cannon Street Station redevelopment in London; the £3 million Aviemore tourist centre in Scotland and the £1.5 million Victoria Hospital at Gozo, Malta.

In theory it was a fine idea and, for a period, was highly successful. At its apogee, the Poulson empire was averaging an annual turnover of £1m and Poulson himself admitted to being a personal millionaire. But such a vast and expensive array of specialised knowledge needed some feeding and was consuming contract work faster than it was becoming available.

He resorted, in the end, to solving his problems by the methods for which he became a household name in Britain: bribing and corrupting councillors, local authority officials, public servants at all levels. It proved expensive and, during the last few years in business, he "gave away" an estimated £½m.

Finally, in 1972 he filed his own petition in bankruptcy for £247,000 and opened the doors for the investigation during which Mr Reginald Maudling, then Home Secretary, resigned his position and five public officials — and the wife of one of them — were arrested and charged with conspiracy. His public bankruptcy examination at Wakefield was the stuff that headlines are made of and Poulson's love of the lavish and ostentatious, his desire to rub shoulders with the Establishment and prove his financial superiority served only to show what a lonely, friendless and insecure man he really was.

John Poulson was the son of a Methodist lay preacher. Educationally he was "bright but not outstanding". He studied architecture at Leeds Polytechnic but failed to complete the course. Instead, at the age of 22, he opened a small practice above a bank in Pontefract and soon began cultivating contacts in the local borough council and among officials of the larger, West Riding county authority. Within a short time, work began to arrive and John Poulson told his friends that he was "on his way".

The practice expanded "beyond my wildest dreams" and, by the beginning of the 1950s was recognised as amongst the biggest in Britain. Within the next 15 years Poulson had opened offices in London, Middlesbrough, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Edinburgh, London and abroad in Beirut, Lagos and temporary offices in South America.

His "contacts" included Peers, Members of Parliament, top civil servants in Whitehall and elsewhere and local officials and councillors at all levels. Most of them, at some time or other, received some token of John Poulson's regard, even if only a bottle of whisky or a turkey at Christmas. Even the late Anthony Crosland was to live to rue his wholly innocent acceptance of the gift of a silver-plated coffee pot. In fact, his generosity, sometimes motivated by sheer goodwill, more often by hopes of a future construction contract, brought the comment from Mr Muir Hunter, QC, during the bankruptcy proceeedings: "In fact, Mr Poulson, you were distributing largesse like Henry VIII!

Poulson built himself a £60,000 mansion, "Manassah," just outside Pontefract which won a magazine's "House of the Year" award. But, as his money troubles began developing, he sold it to a young couple for just over half the cost price. One of the more curious aspects of his bankruptcy was that his biggest creditor was the Inland Revenue to which he owed around £200,000. But, while they were pressing for a settlement, he was still sitting in judgment on fellow defaulters as a Commissioner of Inland Revenue at Wakefield.

A man who had not enjoyed good health for some years, John Poulson's life was shattered when he was arrested on June 22, 1973, and charged with conspiracy and corruption over the awarding of building contracts. On February 11, 1974, after a 52-day trial at Leeds Crown Court which received the widest publicity, he and George Pottinger, a Scottish civil servant who had been arrested on the same day, were both found guilty on seven charges of corruption involving £30,000 worth of gifts from Poulson to Pottinger. They both received five year sentences. Potting's was subsequently reduced to four years on appeal. Poulson's sentence, however, had been provisional on the outcome of the trials of others who had been chgarged with corruption. After a subsequent trial at which a hospital board secretary, George Braithwaite, was sentenced to three years, Poulson's own sentence was increased to seven. He had already told one friend at the time of his arrest: "I'll never survive this lot, you know. Prison will kill me."

It did not do so. On May 13, 1977, after periods in Wakefield and Oakham prisons, Poulson was discharged from Lincoln prison hospital, having been granted parole. Four years later he published his memoirs in a book entitled *The Price*. A self-righteous, self-justificatory work, it was almost immediately withdrawn under the threat of libel proceedings. It, nevertheless, summed up Poulson's own view of himself as a man more sinned against than sinning.

Poulson is suvived by his wife, Cynthia, and by two daughters.

WALTER STEWART

Walter Stewart, OBE, principal of Northamptonshire Institute of Agriculture, 1921-58, died on December 28 aged 100. He was born at Ballindalloch, Speyside, in March 1892.



WALTER Stewart fought in Allenby's campaign against the Turks in Palestine in 1917. His agricultural knowledge then led him to being seconded to the Egyptian Army where he donned a red tarboosh and became responsible, at 26, for vast tracts of land growing mainly conon.

Then in 1921, shortly after marrying, he became the first principal of Northamptonshire Institute of Agriculture, Moulton, which, in the following 38 years, he built up from a few wooden huts and 150 acres serving the local agricultural community to its present 900 acres, with its 260 students drawn from throughout the United Kingdom and overseas.

Walter Stewart was the youngest of a family of five. After Fordyce Academy he took a degree in Classics, History and English at Aberdeen University followed by a BSc in Agriculture.

His first job as a lecturer in agriculture at Wye College was interrupted by the first world war. He was commissioned in the Lovat Scouts but was seconded to the Horse Artillery.

After the war his academic training gave him the ability to master genetics and breeding which, combined with his being a natural stockman and judge of stock, resulted in Moulton winning many awards, particularly at the Royal Smithfield Show.

He was a perfectionist so it was not surprising that a former student, Frances Donaldson, wrote in her book *Approach to Farming*, "there is nothing out of place which offends your sense of order at Moulton", and added that that was also true of the staff Walter Stewart led, who "want to teach you what you want to know, not what they want you to know, not even what you ought to want to know." Stewart was one of those few people who could both lecture, teach and inspire others to learn, not just in the classroom but in coping with the inevitable day-to-day struggle that every farmer has to learn.

Stewart was a disciplinarian or, to be more accurate, he persuaded his students and staff to do as he wished. This cannot have always been easy, particularly after the first world war when his students ranged from 17-year-olds to 45-year-olds, many of the latter having reached senior military rank and been highly decorated. Not only were the ages different; so were their backgrounds. Moulton, under Walter Stewart, achieved as near a classless society as anyone could wish.

He is survived by a son and a daughter.

MAJOR-GENERAL MICHAEL MATTHEWS

Major-General Michael Matthews, CB, DL, Engineer-in-Chief of the Army, 1983-85, died on January 7 aged 62. He was born on April 22, 1930.

MIKE Matthews was an ebullient, charismatic man, who led from the front — a soldier's soldier — and yet was equally at home as a staff officer in the corridors of power. A true Sapper, with an unmistakable voice and powerful gait, he could be relied on to raise the tempo and the profile of any activity in which he was involved.

He was educated at King's College, Taunton, and commissioned into the Royal Engineers in 1951. His early service was in the Middle East in field engineer units until he attended the staff college, Camberley, in 1961. He was Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quarter Master General to the 24th Infantry Brigade, the strategic reserve brigade stationed in Kenya for operations East of Suez.

He returned to regimental duty in 1965 to command the tough and highly professional 9th Independent Parachute Squadron RE, perhaps best known for its rugby playing prowess. It had detachments on operations in the Persian Gulf and Borneo, while he and the rest of the squadron were fighting to keep open the Dhala Road in the Aden Protectorate during the last turbulent years before the British withdrawal.

His time with "9 Para" gave him an enduring interest in parachute and commando operations, leading later to his becoming honorary Colonel of 131 Commando Squadron RE (TA) and being presented by the Royal Marines with his honorary green Commando beret. Much to the RAF's consternation he was still taking part in the TA's annual "C Splash" parachute jumps off the Channel Islands when over 60.

After instructing at the staff college for two years, he was given command of the 35th Engineer Regiment in BAOR. He had always believed that competitive sport contributed much to the morale of fighting troops. During his time with "35", he laid the foundations for the creation of the highly successful Royal Engineer ski teams.

His next three appointments were all in BAOR: Colonel GS of HQ BAOR's Exercise Planning Staff, 1972-4; Commander Corps Royal Engineers of 1st British Corp, 1974-76; and the Deputy Quarter Master General, HQ BAOR, 1978-80. In the year between the last two he was at the Royal College of Defence Studies.

Always interested in soldiers and their welfare, his selection in 1980 as Director of Personal Services (Army) was a happy one. Even happier was his appointment as professional head of the Royal Engineers as Engineer in Chief of the Army in 1983. Highly respected and one of the most popular officers of his generation, he brought firm leadership and inspiration not only to the Sappers in their work for the Army, but also for the Navy and RAF, and for theForeign and Commonwealth Office in carrying out engineering projects in aid of developing territories.

After he retired in 1985, he devoted his time to the Territorial Army, becoming the secretary of the Council of the TAVR Associations from 1986 until his death: he was also Colonel Commandant, Royal Engineers.

He leaves his widow Elspeth Rosemary ("Rose"), and their two sons and two daughters.

DIANA ADAMS

Diana Adams, one of New York City Ballet's first ballerinas, died in San Andreas, California, on January 10 aged 66. She was born in Spanton, Virginia, on March 29, 1926.



IF DIANA Adams had danced nothing but the role which George Balanchine created for her in *Agon*, she would still have been remembered for influencing one of this century's most significant ballets. Stravinsky's specially written score inspired Balanchine to a notable development of his neo-classic style. The ballet's climax was the *pas de deux* in which he displayed Adams's long limbs in lines that seemed to stretch towards infinity, while she accomplished prodigies of precarious balance supported by Arthur Mitchell, part of the time lying flat on his back.

In fact Adams did much more than that. *Agon* was only one of well over a dozen ballets in which Balanchine created parts for her, most notably his glorious celebration of dancing to Mozart, *Divertimento 15*, his apotheosis of the love duet to both sets of Brahms's *Liebeslieder Walzer* and his exhilarating popular entertainments *Western Symphony* and *Stars and Stripes*. Other works were as wide ranging as *La Valse* (Ravel) and the Webern *Episodes*, where her fragmented duet with Jacques d'Amboise to the Five Pieces, Op 10, was probably the most provocatively inventive section.

In addition, she danced with distinction in most of Balanchine's standard repertoire, from the lyrical *Serenade* to her highly individual cold and dominating account of the Siren in *Prodigal Son*, from the "Choleric" variation in *The Four Temperaments* to the comedy of the first movement in *Bourrée Fantasque*.

Nor was she only Balanchine's choice. Soon after joining NYCB, during 1951 and 1952, she had parts made for her by the four greatest living ballet choreographers. Besides Balanchine, they were Frederick Ashton, who chose her for Iseult in *Picnic at Tintagel*, Jerome Robbins, in *The Pied Piper*, and Antony Tudor.

Her connection with Tudor continued over a period, from one of the Lovers in Experience in *Pillar of Fire*, which she danced as a very young member of Ballet Theatre, to Mahler's "Song of the Earth". After she and Tudor had both transferred to NYCB in 1950, he made leading parts for her as Marguerite Gautier in *Lady of the Camellias* and as the quiet Dancer in Grey who shadowed the footsteps of Kaye as the Bernhardt-like heroine of *La Gloire*.

These latter works serve well to define Adams's qualities. She could never have emulated the powerful histrionics of Kaye, America's most celebrated dance actress, yet her own quiet, reserved manner had great strength behind it which gave utter conviction to her playing. That same combination of strength and reserve — even shyness — illuminated her performances in pure dance roles too, enhancing the effect of her tall, slender build, pale beauty and dark hair.

Diana Adams's parents divorced and she began dancing in the school of her stepmother, Emily Hadley, in Memphis, Tennessee. Moving as a young teenager to New York for further study, she made her stage debut at 17 in Agnes de Mille's dances in *Oklahoma!* but soon joined the Ballet Theatre and quickly won solo roles, the first of note being the Enchanted Princess in a revival of *The Firebird*.

Before long her repertoire included Myrthe in *Giselle*, Taglioni in *The Pas de Quatre*, Caroline in *Jardin aux Lilas* and the ballerina in *Theme and Variations*. Balanchine picked her as one of his young soloists for *Waltz Academy* and Tudor cast her as Cybele, the mother, when he created *Undertone*. Others who made roles for her at that time were Simon Semenoff, John Taras and de Mille (as the loving but soon lost mother in her Lizzie Borden ballet *Fall River Legend*). Then came the move to Balanchine's company and more than a decade as one of his chief muses.

During that time she was featured in two films: Gene Kelly's *Invitation to the Dance*, and as the hapless ballerina partnered by Danny Kaye in *Knock on Wood*. In her late thirties, she retired to devote herself to motherhood, but taught for some years at Balanchine's School of American Ballet, and later with the school of Kansas City Ballet.

Adams married twice. Her first marriage in 1947 to Hugh Laing, then her frequent partner on stage; theirs was a passionate but stormy marriage during which Laing never really broke his long-standing relationship with Tudor. It was effectively over by 1950 and they divorced in 1953. Her second husband was Ronald Bates, NYCB's stage manager; they had a daughter but the marriage was also later dissolved.

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BRAHMS'S NEW WORK

A new and important work by Johannes Brahms cannot fail to attract attention, so great and universally recognised is the talent of the composer, who by a large and influential party is believed to be the legitimate successor of Beethoven and the great masters of the past. Special interest, moreover, attaches to the sonata for pianoforte and violin (Op. 78) produced at last Monday's Popular Concert: for it is the first work of its kind attempted by the composer. Brahms, like his immediate prototype Robert Schumann; is, in the first instance, a writer for the pianoforte, the technical requirements and difficulties of which he knows from personal experience. Some critics, indeed, assert that even his orchestral works show traces of their having been originally designed for, or at least composed at, the pianoforte, and it is undeniable that his instrumentation seldom shows that absolute freedom of handling which characterises the born master of the orchestra. It is perhaps owing to this circumstance that Brahms attempted the highest form of orchestral writing comparatively late in life. He was in his 44th year when his first symphony was produced at Carlsruhe in 1876. Still more recently he seems to have conceived a sudden affection for the violin——*vide* his concerto for that instrument played last season by Herr Joachim with a success fully accounted for by the merits of the work and the mastery of its interpreter. Among the former, however, the treatment of the solo part could not be counted, and competent judges affirmed that the melodic materials and the general structure of the work would have shown to greater advantage in a symphony than in a concerto. It would be unfair to apply such a remark to the present sonata, in which full justice is done to the violin. In the first movement, for example, the opening theme is assigned to that instrument, which throughout the piece plays the prominent part due to it. The adagio, it is true, begins with a solo of the pianoforte, but soon the violin takes up the leading theme and continues it in true *cantabile* fashion. The sonata, in short, is treated throughout as a duo in which the two instruments hold converse, relieving each other in the development of the themes or joining in sweet concord: and in this perfect blending of their utterances one of the chief beauties of the work must be discovered . . .

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This notice of a new work by Brahms stops short of complete admiration of the composer, for the final sentence contains a sting: "The character of the music is one of placid joy, and the composer has refrained from the abstruseness and elaboration of utterance frequently found in his works."

NEWS

Army gets more troops

■ Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, announced a change of policy over cuts in army manpower, saving four regiments from amalgamation and providing an extra 5,000 men for front-line roles at a cost of £80 million a year.

The policy switch, which Mr Rifkind described as "a small but sensible adjustment" was forced on the government after complaints from within the army over stretched resources, caused by the deployment of 2,400 troops to the Balkans and an increased commitment in Northern Ireland.... **Pages 1, 2**

Dutch prepare to bail out DAF

■ The Dutch and Belgian governments are preparing to bail out DAF, the cash-strapped Anglo-Dutch truck maker, but have refused to invest in Leyland DAF, the UK operation, which could eventually disappear ..... **Pages 1,2**

Money manoeuvres

The government last night signalled its readiness to raise interest rates as sterling plunged to a new low and threatened a fresh economic crisis. Downing Street and the Treasury tried to convince the money markets that the government has not staked all on a dash for growth ..... **Page 1**

German budget cut

Volker Rühe, Germany's defence minister, stunned the military establishment when he announced budget cuts that involved the suspension of all new weapons acquisitions. The move could again affect German participation in the controversial Eurofighter project ..... **Page 1**

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Two small bombs planted by the Provisional IRA brought widespread disruption to rail and Underground services in London yesterday ..... **Page 1**

Convictions upheld

The home secretary yesterday refused to refer the Carl Bridgewater murder case back to the Court of Appeal for a second hearing. Kenneth Clarke's decision stunned the families of the men convicted of murdering the newspaper delivery boy. Mr Clarke said he had no doubt the convictions of the four were safe ..... **Page 3**

Churches burgled

Arson and burglary attacks on churches have reached record levels, with an average of one an hour, according to figures disclosed yesterday. Thefts of religious artefacts rose by 20 per cent last year, and up to half of Anglican churches can expect to be burgled this year ..... **Page 7**

Classroom revolt

A teachers' revolt against compulsory English tests for 14-year-olds gained momentum yesterday when the National Union of Teachers, the largest classroom union, voted for a boycott **Page 5**

Fish contaminated

Oil spilt from the *Bruer* is believed to have contaminated many of the two million salmon farmed within the exclusion zone surrounding the wrecked tanker. The fish, in 16 farms on the west coast of Shetland, are worth £8 million ..... **Page 7**

Pressure on Arabs

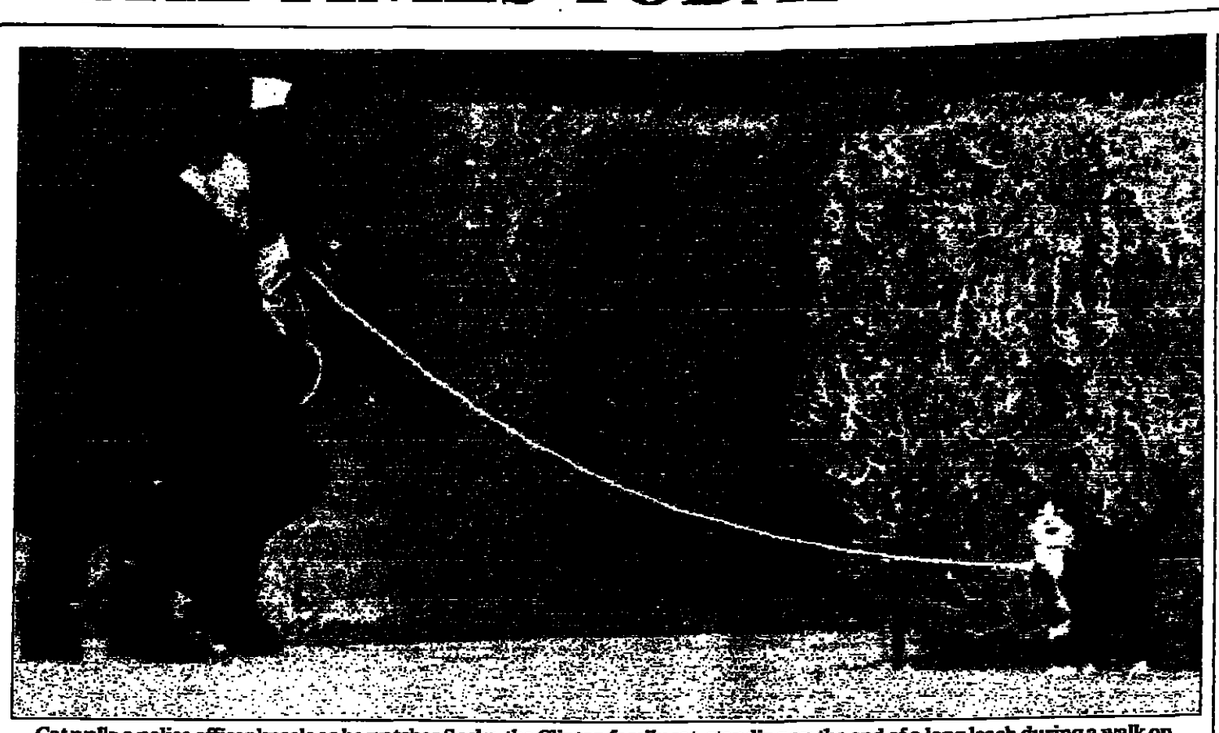
The Clinton administration has begun pressing Arab states to resume Middle East peace talks, hoping in the process to relieve the pressure for United Nations punishment of Israel for refusing to take back all 396 Palestinian deportees ..... **Page 10**

UN appointment

Marrack Goulding, 53, Britain's top official at the United Nations who has run the organisation's burgeoning peacekeeping operations for the past seven years, was yesterday reassigned to a high-profile political post that will give him a key role in setting UN policy on conflicts throughout Europe, Asia and Latin America ..... **Page 10**

Snakes go radioactive in Russia

The poisonous adders of Russia have added a new peril to life on the Steppes. As if their bite were insufficiently alarming, two Russian scientists have now warned Western colleagues that Russian snake venom is in all probability contaminated with radioactivity. The problem is widespread because of contamination of the Russian countryside ..... **Page 5**



Cat walk: a police officer kneels as he watches Socks, the Clinton family cat, standing on the end of a long leash during a walk on the South Lawn of the White House yesterday. Socks was brought to Washington from Little Rock, Arkansas, earlier this week

BUSINESS

Germans meet: The Bundesbank council meets today as pressure grows for a cut in German interest rates to help economic recovery in Europe and relieve pressure on foreign exchange markets .... **Page 22**

Funding fbc: The government will probably need to drive sterling lower to lure international investors into the gilt-edged market to finance the public-sector borrowing requirement ..... **Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index of leading shares closed at a record high of 2,873.8, up 39.4, on hopes of another cut in interest rates. Sterling fell 1.27 pfennigs to DM2.3603 and .57 cents to $1.4373, closing at a new record low of 76.9 on the trade-weighted index ..... **Page 24**

SPORT

Cricket: The International Cricket Council has refused to ratfify a century scored by Graham Gooch for an England XI against South Africa in 1982. This leaves Gooch one short of one hundred first-class hundreds ..... **Page 40**

Boxing: Lennox Lewis was among past and present champions who gathered in London to launch the first boxers' union. The Professional Boxers' Association will provide members with financial, legal and medical advice ..... **Page 40**

Motor racing: Simon Barnes meets Nigel Mansell in California and finds a man transformed. He's happy, relaxed and telling jokes. Can this be true? ..... **Page 38**

ARTS

Peace plan: The psychiatrists, supermarket managers and cooks who have emerged as players in the Balkans conflict have proved unable to organise an orderly evolution from Tito's Yugoslavia. Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance present their Bosnian peace plan to the UN this week, but the frailty of the plan is obvious when the motives and personalities of the potential signatories are examined .. **Pages 12, 13**

BODY AND MIND

20:20 vision? Eye operations for the short-sighted are becoming big business. But, as Nigel Hawkes reports, information on their value is in short supply ..... **Page 15**

Glendinning on Stark: A new biography portrays the travel writer Dame Freya Stark as a woman who reinvented herself, but Victoria Glendinning finds her own admiration undimmed .... **Page 34**

Tiger burning bright: Georges Clemenceau saved France in the first world war and Keynes said of him: "He had one illusion — France; and one disillusion — mankind." David R. Watson reviews the latest life of the Tiger ..... **Page 35**

TRAVEL

Sea laws: Anyone hoping to sail in France will have to prove their skills in the wake of laws designed to enhance safety at sea ..... **Page 30**

Cool affair: Louis Malle's *Damage*, about an MP's liaison with his son's fiancée, is a riveting rather than salacious film, and easily the best of the week ..... **Page 31**

Philosophy lesson: Derek Jarman's latest film, a study of Ludwig Wittgenstein, combines insight and entertainment ..... **Page 31**

Pioneer honoured: Georges Méliès made his last film in 1913 and died in poverty, but the Museum of the Moving Image is mounting an exhibition and a film season in honour of the "father of cinema fantasy" ..... **Page 31**

Write on: The Arvon Foundation, which enlists established writers to help aspiring new authors, is celebrating its 25th birthday .. **Page 33**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



The Princess Royal and her husband have rented a modest apartment in a block of flats overlooking the Thames as their new London home **Page 3**



Lt Arthur "Haggie" Beane was buried with full military honours yesterday, 50 years after he was killed in a dogfight over France **Page 6**



Benazir Bhutto, the former leader of Pakistan, is expecting her third child and is in London for medical tests, but troubles are piling up at home **Page 9**



Dave Haller has been appointed Great Britain's team performance director with a remit to motivate swimmers and coaches **Page 38**

TV LISTINGS

The life of the puffin, a doleful clown-like creature, is charted in a charming documentary for *Wildlife on One* (BBC1, 8pm) **Page 39**

OPINION

Double Dutch dealing

The biggest lorry-maker in Britain is collapsing amid a confusion of corporate cultures. The British government should lead the effort to seek new owners for the former Leyland operations that were merged into the Dutch DAF group in 1987 ..... **Page 17**

Rifkind's rethink

Mr Rifkind has been forced to concede that the world will not stand still until 1995, when the reorganisation of Britain's forces is scheduled for completion. **Page 17**

English civil war

The National Union of Teachers' fatuous vote illustrates the need for a completely new machinery of consultation to enable teachers to air grievances but also to enforce a sense of responsibility ..... **Page 17**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Britain is threatened by rising unemployment, continued depression and increasingly angry world protectionism. The British economy is currently flying near its stalling point. Safety does not lie in reducing speed still further, but in accelerating out of danger ..... **Page 16**

PHILIP HOWARD

For the Queen to go to court seems an act of supererogation, because symbolically she embodies the law. But litigation by her can still have a thunderous effect, which would have made her medieval ancestors proud. Just an expensive little letter from her solicitor, threatening to sue *The Sun* for infringing the Queen's copyright by publishing her Christmas message two days before she broadcast it — and whambo! Uproar in the diaspora from what used to be Fleet Street ..... **Page 16**

LETTERS

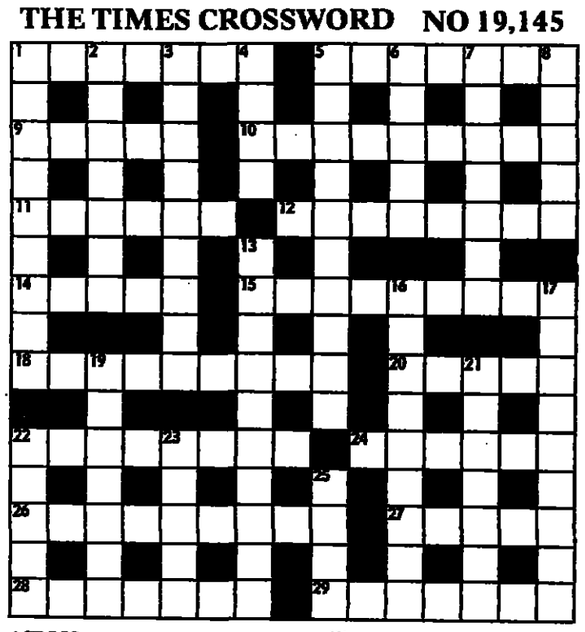
Correspondents consider the practical, psychological and spiritual aspects of euthanasia ..... **Page 17**

PARLIAMENT

If Mr Clinton really wants to help American industry, as he promised during the campaign, he should do his part to increase, not reduce, competition

Washington Post

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,145



ACROSS

1 Former MP drives into empty bus (7).
5 Punting-pole used with hesitation and very little energy (7).
9 Tent for leaders of the pack, as stated (5).
10 Spirit of the age represented by 4 — get it? (9).
11 Officer's directions to capture soldiers in retreat (6).
12 Read superficially about king and his unhappy engagement (8).
14 Streamlined craft's beginning to list (5).
15 Support for woman in Yemeni city church (9).
18 He may be hand in glove with those he manipulates (9).
20 In sorrow, it cheers an ugly old woman (5).
22 Loudly criticizes destruction in pubs (8).
24 A Liberal abandoning concern for others? It's obviously correct (6).
26 Seek advice from European leader about a diplomatic office (9).
27 Comparatively vain person taking it easy (5).
28 Budding politician adopted by constituents in Nantes (7).
29 Get a load of that, man — it's not analog! (7).

DOWN

1 Perhaps ram vessel? What a bloomer! (9).
2 Score a love set perhaps by a quick return (7).
3 Conclusion altered in crisis issue (9).
4 Bulk causing audible sorrow (4).
5 Alert god with name of prickly plant (10).
6 A university teacher detailed to make predictions (5).
7 In Paris you and I can absorb no teaching (7).
8 Lucifer's equal (5).
13 A ruse a Turk arranged to make pickled cabbage (10).
16 Recognizing merit is worthwhile (9).
17 Fugitive given direction by gangster when crossing border (9).
19 Those raising the issue of state charges (7).
21 Notes on authorized excursion (7).
22 It's saved by escapees and brought home by the successful (5).
23 Colour unknown in a Yorkshire river (5).
25 Way to support male animals (4).

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Solution to Puzzle No 19,144

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WEATHER

Northern and western Scotland will be cloudy today, with rain at times in the north. In England and Wales, overnight fog should lift in most places this morning, but many southern and central parts of England will stay dull. It will be mild for the time of year, especially in the brighter eastern counties. Southwesterly winds will reach gale force in northern Scotland. Outlook: fog forming at night, and being slow to clear during the day.

ABROAD YESTERDAY

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.1	0.01	9	48	rain
Anglesey	3.4	0.02	9	48	sunny
Aviemore	3.6	0.04	7	45	bright
Belfast	-	-	10	50	dull
Birmingham	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Bognor Regis	1.7	-	9	48	cloudy
Bournemouth	1.7	-	11	52	bright
Bristol	0.1	-	11	52	cloudy
Buxton	2.9	-	9	48	sunny
Cardiff	0.4	-	10	50	bright
Clacton	0.1	-	8	46	cloudy
Cromer	3.2	-	8	46	sunny
Douglas	-	0.06	10	50	cloudy
Edinburgh	1.6	-	9	48	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	-	0.08	7	45	drizzle
Exmouth	3.5	-	11	52	bright
Falmouth	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Folkestone	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Glasgow	2.6	0.03	9	48	rain
Guernsey	1.6	-	9	48	bright
Hastings	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Hunstanton	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Jersey	-	-	6	43	fog
Kinloss	4.7	0.01	8	46	sunny
Leeds	3.5	-	11	52	sunny
Littlehampton	1.9	-	9	48	cloudy
Liverpool	5.1	-	11	52	sunny
London	3.8	-	11	52	sunny
Lowestoft	0.3	-	7	45	cloudy
Manchester	3.7	-	11	52	sunny
Margate	X	-	8	46	bright
Minehead	0.5	-	11	52	cloudy
Morecambe	1.3	-	9	48	cloudy
Newcastle	3.7	-	11	52	bright
Newquay	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Nottingham	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Penzance	2.3	-	12	54	bright
Plymouth	1.4	-	11	52	bright
Poole	0.8	-	12	54	sunny
Prestwick	0.8	0.01	10	50	rain
Saunton Snd	0.1	-	11	52	bright
Scarborough	1.4	-	9	48	bright
Scilly Isles	3.3	-	11	52	sunny
Shanklin	2.6	-	9	48	bright
Southend	3.3	-	-	-	bright
Southsea	1.6	-	10	50	sunny
Stornoway	2.7	0.14	7	45	sunny
Swanage	5.3	-	11	52	sunny
Teignmouth	1.5	-	11	52	sunny
Tiree	2.8	0.06	8	46	bright
Torquay	4.2	-	12	54	sunny
Weymouth	3.8	-	11	52	sunny
Wick	3.5	0.03	6	43	shower
Worthing	2.0	-	9	48	cloudy

X denotes Not Available

MIDDAY

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain.

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	14	57	s	Majorca	14	57	f
Akrotiri	11	52	s	Malaga	13	55	r
Alex'dria	7	45	r	Malta	13	55	f
Algiers	17	63	f	Melb'rne	36	97	s
Amst'dm	5	41	d	Mexico C*	19	66	f
Athens	12	54	c	Miami*	23	73	s
Bahrain	21	70	s	Milan	11	52	s
Bangkok	28	82	s	Montreal*	-19	-2	c
Barbados*	28	82	f	Moscow	-3	27	c
Barcelna	13	55	s	Munich	-3	27	c
Beirut	6	43	r	Naples	15	59	s
Belgrade	1	34	s	N Delhi	21	70	s
Berlin	0	32	c	N York*	-6	21	s
Bermuda*	13	55	c	Nice	15	59	s
Biarritz	11	52	s	Oslo	9	48	f
Borde'x	8	46	s	Paris	1	34	c
Brussels	0	32	fg	Peking	8	46	s
Budapst	0	32	s	Perth	29	84	s
B Aires*	29	84	s	Prague	-5	23	s
Cairo	10	50	f	Reykjavik	-3	27	c
Cape Tn	21	70	s	Rhodes	11	52	c
Chicago*	1	34	s	Rio de J	37	99	s
Ch'church	12	54	s	Riyadh	16	61	f
Cologne	0	32	f	Rome	13	55	s
C'phagn	5	41	f	Salzburg	-5	23	c
Corfu	13	55	s	S Frisco*	12	54	s
Dublin	10	50	s	Santiago*	31	88	s
Faro	15	59	s	S Paulo*	30	86	c
Florence	18	61	s	Seoul	5	41	f
Frankfurt	-1	30	s	Sing'por	30	86	r
Funchal	17	63	s	St'kholm	6	43	f
Geneva	1	34	c	Strasb'rg	-2	28	c
Gibraltar	11	52	r	Sydney	29	84	f
Helsinki	3	37	c	Tangier	11	52	c
Hong K	20	68	s	Tel Aviv	8	43	r
Innsbruck	6	43	s	Tenerife	19	66	f
Istanbul	3	37	f	Tokyo	10	50	s
Jeddah	13	55	f	Toronto*	-8	18	s
Jo'burg*	24	75	f	Tunis	15	59	c
L Palmas	19	66	f	Valencia	11	52	f
La Tquet	4	39	c	Vanc'ver*	6	43	s
Lisbon	12	54	s	Venice	14	57	s
Locarno	10	50	s	Vienna	2	36	s
London	5	41	c	Warsaw	-3	27	fg
L Angels*	17	63	s	Wash'ton*	-2	28	s
Luxemb'g	4	39	s	Wel'ton	15	59	s
Luxor	14	57	c	Zurich	-1	30	c
Madrid	2	36	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

Yesterday: Temp: max 8am to 6pm, 6C (43F); min 6pm to 8am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6pm, 97 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,038.5 millibars, falling.
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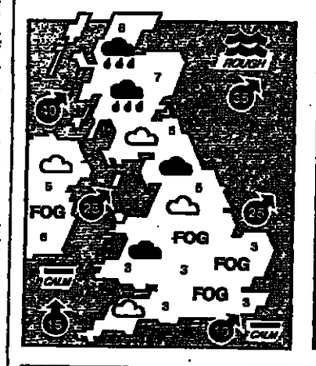
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Australia $	2.21	2.01
Austria Sch	17.70	16.20
Belgium Fr	52.00	47.60
Canada $	1.94	1.78
Denmark Kr	9.83	9.03
Finland Mkk	8.86	8.00
France Fr	8.48	7.79
Germany Dm	2.505	2.305
Greece Dr	338.00	313.00
Hong Kong $	11.97	10.79
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Italy Lira	2310.00	2145.00
Japan Yen	196.00	177.00
Netherlands Gld	2.825	2.593
Norway Kr	10.64	9.84
Portugal Esc	225.50	207.50
South Africa Rd	5.40	4.70
Spain Pta	174.00	161.00
Sweden Kr	11.28	10.58
Switzerland Fr	2.315	2.135
Turkey Lira	13700.0	12700.0
USA $	1.528	1.403

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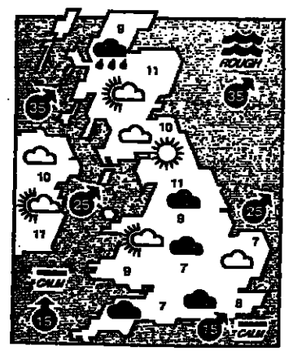
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London 4.56 pm to 7.33 am
Bristol 5.08 pm to 7.42 am
Edinburgh 4.53 pm to 8.00 am
Manchester 4.58 pm to 7.47 am
Penzance 5.21 pm to 7.50 am

Sun rises: 7.34 am
Sun sets: 4.56 pm
Moon rises 2.01 pm
Moon sets 5.34 am
Full moon February 6

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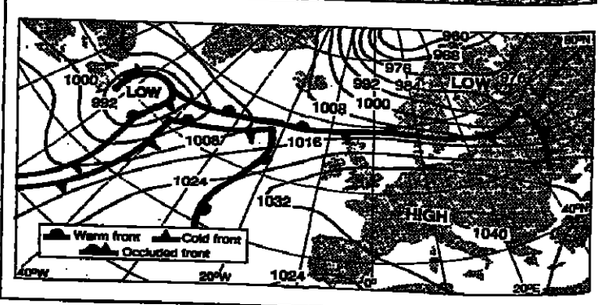
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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Belfast	8	46	c	Guernsey	5	41	fg
B'rmgham	7	45	c	Inverness	11	52	f
Blackpool	9	48	s	Jersey	5	41	c
Bristol	6	43	c	London	5	41	c
Cardiff	7	45	c	M'nchester	9	48	s
Devonport	10	50	c	Newcastle	9	48	c
Dover	9	48	d	R'nidsway	9	48	s
Falmouth	10	50	c	Newcastle	9	48	c
Glasgow	9	48	d	R'nidsway	9	48	s

TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.18	6.0	11.56	6.3	Liverpool	8.50	8.1	9.21	8.4
Aberdeen	11.04	3.8	11.37	3.8	Lowestoft	6.56	2.1	7.16	2.2
Avonmouth	4.24	11.1	5.04	11.5	Margate	9.34	4.1	10.07	4.3
Belfast	8.36	3.2	9.10	3.1	Milford Haven	3.42	5.8	4.04	6.0
Cardiff	4.09	10.4	4.49	10.7	Newquay	2.38	5.9	3.10	6.0
Devonport	3.11	4.7	3.52	4.7	Oban	3.41	2.3	4.23	3.5
Dover	8.29	5.7	9.08	5.8	Penzance	2.17	4.7	2.56	4.7
Falmouth	2.41	4.5	3.22	4.5	Portland	3.58	1.8	4.47	1.5
Glasgow	10.34	4.3	11.19	4.2	Portsmouth	8.47	4.3	9.32	4.3
Harwich	9.17	3.4	9.49	3.4	Shoreham	8.42	5.4	9.19	5.6
Holyhead	8.08	4.9	8.34	5.0	Southampton	8.36	4.0	9.14	4.1
Hull	3.40	6.3	4.17	6.4	Swansea	3.49	8.0	4.21	8.2
Ilfracombe	3.27	7.6	4.02	7.9	Tees	1.09	4.5	1.38	4.7
King's Lynn	3.58	5.3	4.23	5.8	W'ton-on-Nze	9.14	3.6	9.46	3.7
Leith			12.14	4.8					

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BUYING

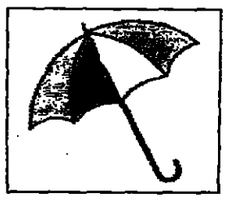
TSB BANK

Shares in TSB rose in heavy trading on speculation of a bid for the high street bank, with Lloyds Bank a contender
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RISING

Unemployment in Europe will rise until 1995, despite a modest upturn in economic growth, says the European Commission
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FALLING



Sterling may need to fall further to lure international investors into the gilt-edged market, says Legal & General
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THE POUND

US $	1.4373 (-0.0057)
German mark	2.3603 (-0.0127)
Exchange index	76.9 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2873.8 (+39.4)
Dow Jones	3364.33 (+35.66)*
Nikkei Avg	17222.03 (+35.72)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	6⅝-6⅝%
US Federal Funds	3¼%*
3-month Treas Bills	2.94-2.92%*
Long Bond	7.24%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4340*	£:$	1.4341
$:DM	1.6460*	£:DM	2.3620
$:SWfr	1.5245*	£:SWfr	2.1856
$:Ffr	5.5795*	£:Ffr	7.9990
$:Yen	124.28*	£:Yen	178.15
£:SDR	1.0686	£:ECU	1.2115

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($).
AM 329.60 ... PM 328.20
Close ... 328.50-329.00
New York:
Comex ... 329.15-329.65*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ... 139.2 December (2.6%)
* Denotes midday trading price



IAN STEWART

Commitment to the future in doubt: a DAF van going past the stop sign at the Leyland lorry plant in Lancashire yesterday

German rate cut hopes slow sterling's fall

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

■ **Sterling fell steeply on the foreign exchange markets, recovering slightly late in the day on hopes that the Bundesbank will cut interest rates at its meeting today**

THE pound slumped to another set of record lows yesterday, weakening against a broad range of currencies, as currency markets continued to believe that the authorities are pursuing a policy of benign neglect towards the currency.

Despite its precipitous fall of more than 4 per cent recently, and a statement yesterday that the government was monitoring movements in the exchange rate, the Bank of England does not appear to have stepped in to limit sterling's fall.

Sterling closed at 76.9 on the Bank of England's exchange-rate index against a basket of currencies, compared with the previous all-time low at the close on Tuesday of 77.1. It slumped to a new trading low of DM2.3465 but rebounded to end the day at DM2.3603. It also hit a six-year low against the dollar at $1.4265 and then scraped back some ground to close at $1.4373. It also touched an all-time low against the yen.

Sterling's vulnerability continues to rest on perceptions that the government will have to cut interest rates again this year to secure enough growth to avoid the public sector deficit running out of control and a balance of payments crisis. The same perception, in contrast, propelled equities to new highs, with the FTSE-100 index closing 39.4 points up at 2,873.8, an all-time high.

At one point in late morning, the pound crashed to 76.5 on its Bank of England index but recovered during the afternoon. An element of caution entered the market ahead of today's meeting of the Bundesbank's policy-making council amid speculation that it may signal lower rates to ease growing tensions in the exchange-rate mechanism, which saw the Danish kroner the latest target of speculation against the system.

The Bundesbank signalled no change in interest rate policy when it announced new repurchase rates yesterday, but could make a helpful signal at today's meeting. The feeling is that, if the Danish kroner were devalued, the full force of speculation would be unleashed on the French franc and that the Bundesbank would move to avoid this. Yesterday, the Danish kroner fell to its floor against the Dutch guilder, the newly devalued Irish pound and the mark and remained under pressure despite support from the Danish, Dutch and German central banks and a 1.5 per cent rise in two-week official interest rates to 13 per cent. It closed at its floor against the mark of 3.9015 marks. Marianne Jelved, Danish economic minister, said the kroner would be defended at all costs.

There was little reaction yesterday to government figures showing that narrow M0 money supply rose a seasonally adjusted 0.9 per cent in January, giving an annualised growth rate of 4.1 per cent. There was also little reaction to the latest Treasury monthly monetary report. What did emerge, however, was that the Treasury does not believe there are dangerous inflationary pressures in the economy, despite sterling's fall.

☐ The European Commission said that despite a forecast upturn in growth this year of 1.4 per cent and 2.6 per cent in 1994, British unemployment would rise to 3.5 million or 12.8 per cent in 1994.

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Receivers aim to sell Leyland DAF as going firm

BY MARTIN WALLER AND ROSS TIEMAN

ADMINISTRATIVE receivers were appointed last night to Leyland DAF, the British arm of the troubled Anglo-Dutch truckmaker. They immediately said they hoped the business could be sold as a going concern.

DAF, the Amsterdam-quoted parent company, filed for protection from its creditors this week after attempts to put together a financial restructuring foundered.

John Talbot and Murdoch McKillop, of Arthur Andersen, the accountant, were appointed joint administrative receivers of Leyland DAF and two of its subsidiaries at the directors' request. The company operates from six sites in Britain and employs about 5,500 people.

Trading continues at the plants while the receivers carry out an initial investigation into the group, in conjunction with both management and unions. "We hope a strategy can be developed that will ensure the survival and sale of these businesses as going concerns," the two receivers said in a statement. Mr Talbot was appointed administrator to the private Maxwell companies after the collapse of Robert Maxwell's empire.

A Leyland DAF spokesman said last night that the workers would be paid. "Everyone is being invited to be in work tomorrow," he said. Work is expected to continue at the three manufacturing sites: the truck plant in Leyland, Lancashire, the van plant in Birmingham and the Albion axle plant in Glasgow.

However, output will be disrupted by a shortfall in the supply of components because some suppliers have stopped deliveries for fear that they will not be paid. After a meeting with an Arthur Andersen representative at Leyland, Derek Bullen, the works convenor, said: "I have the feeling he will be looking to bring about a plan that would be viable for the future and keep the factories open. My first impressions are that he doesn't appear to want to come in and shut things down."

Mr Bullen said the unions had been told that their members would be paid money owing to them on Friday, although some might have to wait until next Monday.

"Management powers are suspended, that is the legal position. But from a practical point of view, he says they will work with the existing management. Although their role is suspended, the complexity is such that he wants their co-operation."

As many as 15,000 jobs are at risk at Leyland DAF and its suppliers after the collapse of rescue talks with the banks. DAF has run up losses of more than £301 million in the past three years. In 1992, the Leyland plant produced 16,000 trucks, just over a third of its capacity; 20,000 vans were made in Birmingham.

The first job repercussions of Leyland DAF's threatened collapse have already been announced; 80 employees at Coventry-based Motor Panels, which supplies the company, have been laid off. Concern is growing over possible job losses at Cummins, an engine maker at Daventry, Northamptonshire, which is also a big supplier to Leyland.

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Shares soar to record high

BY MICHAEL CLARK, STOCK MARKET CORRESPONDENT

SHARE prices surged to record highs on the London stock market, encouraged by a strong opening rise on Wall Street and after another day of high drama on the foreign exchange.

The FT-SE 100 index was squeezed steadily higher throughout the afternoon to close at its best of the day, up 39.4 at a record high of 2,873.8 as more than £6 billion was added to share values. Its previous best of 2,861.5 was achieved on January 4.

Dealers said most of the gains were achieved later as the Dow Jones industrial average posted an early rise of almost 40 points in trading on Wall Street. The rises were exacerbated by activity on the futures market where traders reported heavy support for the March series, which boasted a sizable premium over the cash market.

The gains in the equity market were achieved despite further heavy losses for the pound against the dollar and the mark. Unsubstantiated claims that the French and the Danes were close to withdrawing from the European exchange-rate mechanism also fuelled the rise. But equity turnover remained low and failed to reflect the gains. By the close, 857 million shares had changed hands.

Government securities spent a quieter session than of late, although the Bank of England was able to exhaust remaining supplies of the tranches of conventional stock issued earlier this week. Longs closed virtually unchanged on the day but there were modest gains at the shorter end. Investors expect the Bank of England to step up the government's funding programme tomorrow with the issue of more stock.

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Here's looking at the Cincinnati kid



ANATOLE KALETSKY

How far will the pound fall? Can the government avoid another jobs fiasco after the bankruptcy of Leyland DAF? What are the chances of saving the Uruguay trade round, the European Monetary Union and even the Common Market? Can an economy that has failed as consistently as Britain's, ever hope for prosperity and steady growth?

The hardest part of an economic columnist's job these days is picking a subject out of the cornucopia that appears with every flicker of the Reuters screen. Abiding by the basic principle of traditional British education, I will answer the easiest question first. Will Britain ever pull out of its cycle of economic failure?

The short answer is "yes". The slightly longer answer also covers the other questions I raised in the first paragraph. The economy will get back on track, the pound will stop falling, and the government will stop tearing itself apart when one condition is satisfied. An American business visitor from Cincinnati must be heard uttering the following two phrases to a friend living in London:

"I can't believe how cheap that black cab was from Heathrow."

"My room at Claridge's seemed an incredible bargain after that airport hotel at Kansas City."

The first reports of such remarks will be heard when the pound falls by another 10 per cent or so, to about $1.30. Sightings of free-spending Americans will become more frequent once the pound slides below $1.20. By the time sterling breaches its 1985 low of $1.03, the rich American will become a bar-room cliche. Well before then the pound will temporarily stabilise and rebound. Indeed, market dynamics suggest that sterling will bounce to $1.50 within the next few days. But for the sake of the British economy and the prosperity of our children, we must hope the pound will not be above $1.50 or DM2.40 for long.

An overvalued exchange rate is the greatest curse that a government can cast over its country's manufacturers and exporters. But growing manufactures and exports are the prerequisites for the national productivity growth and the command over foreign goods and resources, on which a nation's prosperity ultimately depends. How do we know the pound is overvalued at $1.50 or DM2.40? One piece of evidence is the combination of a current account deficit of £12 billion with 3 million jobless. Another indicator of a chronically overvalued exchange rate is the stunted condition of Britain's manufacturing sector: manufacturing accounts for only 19 per cent of GDP in Britain, compared with 31 per cent in Germany, 29 per cent in Japan and 21 per cent in France.

The only other leading economies to have such small manufacturing sectors are the US and Canada. The causes are much the same in all three Anglo-Saxon countries: currencies that were drastically overvalued against those of Japan and continental Europe after the second world war. The Anglo-Saxon penchant for overvalued currencies which pampered consumers but punished producers, goes a long way to explain the great paradox of postwar economic history: why did the war's victors become the vanquished in the international business battles that followed? The Americans finally understood the folly of such policies in 1985, since when the dollar has been spectacularly devalued and America has enjoyed a 75 per cent increase in real exports, compared with the 32 per cent in the rest of the OECD.

In fact, America's new-found attachment to a cheap dollar will probably be the biggest factor supporting the pound in the year. To rebuild American industry, President Clinton will try to prevent the dollar rising. The only alternative to keeping the currency competitive would be to erect protectionist barriers, the disastrous policy promoted by France.

If President Clinton manages to keep the dollar weak, it may be years before the Cincinnati businessman is splashing his money around London. The British government might even win the odd pyrrhic victory "defending" sterling against the "speculators". But let us hope these victories do not happen too often. For every time the government wins a skirmish against the foreign exchanges, British companies lose on the infinitely more important battlefield for exports, profits and jobs.

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Pressure is growing on Bundesbank

FROM COLIN NARBROUGH IN FRANKFURT

THE Bundesbank council meets today under pressure to signal lower interest rates amid deepening gloom about recession at home and deepening tensions within the exchange-rate mechanism.

Growing expectations of a low settlement with the public sector workers' union raised hopes in Frankfurt that the Bundesbank will send a signal to currency speculators of easier German interest rates with a possible further cut in repurchase ("repo") rates at today's meeting. The repo rates act as an anchor to short money market rates.

Gerhard Grebe, chief economist at Bank Julius Baer, believes a move to lower the discount and Lombard rates could come as soon as the next Bundesbank council session in two weeks' time. Today, however, he sees the macroeconomic and monetary background favouring an easing of the repo rate by as many as ten basis points, taking it from 8.60 per cent to 8.50 per cent.

The repo rate has become an increasingly important indicator of Bundesbank policy in a period when the bank has been reluctant to move its key rates, despite intense international pressure. The repo rate was cut in two stages last autumn, to 8.75 per cent, to help reduce pressure on the franc and other currencies. It was further eased last month.

Another important factor for the timing of a Bundesbank easing is the "solidarity pact" between the government, trade unions and employers, in response to the huge cost of unification. Chancellor Helmut Kohl has set February 17 as a deadline for reaching an accord.

Herr Grebe predicts that the Bundesbank will clip a half point off both Lombard and discount rates — currently at 9.5 per cent and 8.25 per cent — this month or next. Some economists believe the money supply figures will show a slowdown this month, with M3, the targeted broad money measure, falling near to an annualised 6 per cent. Annualised inflation, too, is expected to slow, to about 4 per cent, from January's 4.4 per cent.

Outline data for the Bonn government's new year economic report, officially leaked before today's Bundesbank session, paint a sobering picture. The report forecasts a contraction of up to 1 per cent in western Germany's gross domestic product this year. The unemployment rate is expected to rise to between 7 and 7.5 per cent in western Germany, from last year's 5.8 per cent. In the eastern states, it is expected to go from 14.8 per cent to as much as 16 per cent, taking the pan-German total above 3 million.

Graf Otto Lambsdorff, the former economics minister and current chairman of the Free Democrats, the junior partner in the coalition government, has joined industrialists and economists who fear Germany faces its worst post-war recession.



Warning voice: Graf Otto Lambsdorff says Germany is threatened by its worst post-war economic downturn

Tokyo markets expect discount rate cut

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

BROKERS, bond dealers and money-market men were devouring their lunchtime noodles at double speed yesterday, anxious to hurry back to their telephones to plug into the latest interest rate cut speculation of the day.

NHK, Japan's equivalent of the BBC, said yesterday that the official discount rate (ODR), the benchmark interest rate, which stands at 3.25 per cent, is to be cut imminently by 50 to 75 basis points. The *Nihon Keizai* newspaper was betting on a cut of 75 bp, while private economists had heard through other, certainly optimistic, sources that a 1 per cent cut was imminent. Whatever its size, money men and women in Tokyo are expecting a reduction this week and a majority have put their bets on an announcement today.

However, Yasushi Mieno, the Bank of Japan governor, has been stubborn. Since his last reluctant cut of 50 bp last July, he has resisted the growing chorus of calls for another ODR cut from the markets and the demands from politically powerful business lobbies. His constituents have waited so long for a cut that they seem to have already discounted its effects in the markets. Stock prices rallied temporarily after the lunchtime news on NHK but lost some of their ground before closing at 17,222.03, up 35.72 points. Bond prices fell on the news and the benchmark ten-year government bond no.145 shed 0.42 points to 107.58, reflecting the degree of cynicism that will greet the heralded rate cut.

Mr Mieno is suffering from damaged credibility because his forecasts for recovery have been consistently wrong. He has been criticised for his resistance to pressures to loosen the monetary policy he introduced in May 1989. He raised interest rates five times in the next 15 months to dampen inflation and deflate the speculative bubble in land and stock prices that had built up in the 1980s.

Since August 1990, when the ODR was 6 per cent, he has cut the rate five times as the threats receded.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Eastern Electricity to cut service jobs

EASTERN Electricity, one of the 12 regional electricity distributors in England and Wales, is cutting 200 jobs from its customer service operation and its personnel and corporate affairs staff. The company is investing £11 million over the next year on customer services. It will consolidate the service into two centres from the ten smaller sites that are scattered throughout its region.

At the moment, 1,800 people are employed, including 1,000 meter readers and installation and maintenance staff who are not affected by the plans. Another 350 people are employed in personnel and corporate affairs. Both sides will see a reduction of 100 jobs by the time consolidation is complete next year. Eastern says that it is committed to finding a job for all those affected by the cuts, providing they are flexible about what they do and where they are based.

Bonus for Seacon staff

ABOUT 120 staff and directors of Seacon Holdings, the shipping group, will share £417,000 in the first year of a profit-related pay scheme — an average of about £3,500 each — after the shipping group increased pre-tax profits to £2.28 million from £1.66 million in 12 months to end September. Earnings per share in the year increased to 14.90p from 11.18p. A final dividend of 3.1p a share (2.7p) raises the total from 4.2p to 5.1p.

Triplex Lloyd seeks cash

TRIPLEX Lloyd, the industrial engineering group, is raising £17.3 million to fund increased capital expenditure of more than £20 million over the next two years. Between 60 and 70 per cent of the money — via a one-for-four rights issue at 140p — will go to its power division. Triplex plans to recommend a final dividend for the year to end-March 1993 of at least 4.50p, holding the total at 7p. In December, the group reported interim pre-tax profits up 6 per cent at £3.31 million.

Trafalgar House option

HONGKONG Land is expected today to announce that it has exercised an option to give it another 5.2 per cent of Trafalgar House, the construction, engineering and shipping conglomerate. This will take its stake up to 20.1 per cent, against the 29 per cent aimed for in the abortive tender offer launched last October. But it is less clear whether Hongkong Land will get the remaining 9 per cent it has an option on, which must be exercised by May 3.

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Mastertrust	108.30	115.80	+1.40	1.62
International	79.90	84.99	+1.41	1.30
Dividend Gth	55.25	58.77†	-0.06	5.10
Global Gth Sec	59.49	63.28	-0.23	3.14
Ethical Growth	63.35	67.39	-0.20	2.56
High Inc Equity	146.80	156.10†	-0.20	5.45
Worldwide Bond	265.60	281.60†	-3.00	4.44
Gilts Fixed Int	126.80	136.50†	...	6.96
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ. 0224 633070. Dealing: 0800 833580. 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ. 071 374 6801				
Amer Inc Gth	44.06	46.52	+0.75	1.82
European	76.93	81.52†	+1.12	...
European Inc	77.39	82.05	+1.16	1.63
Exempt	890.80	919.20†	-2.30	3.33
Extra Inc	41.61	45.05	+0.13	5.58
F East Emerg Ec	77.83	83.85	+2.29	0.76
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL. 0793 514514. Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	374.80	400.60	+5.30	4.26
Equity Inc	206.90	221.10†	+2.60	4.76
High Yield	230.70	246.60	+3.10	4.21
Balanced	626.40	669.60	+6.70	2.82
American Inc	48.00	51.31†	-0.56	3.33
Wld Asset Val	37.08	39.63	-0.49	1.94
Japan	140.20	149.20†	-1.40	0.01
Secs of Am	435.40	463.50	-4.40	0.36
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	305.90	325.10	+1.30	3.03
-do- Inc	219.00	233.00	+0.90	3.03
Higher Inc Acc	542.00	576.70	+2.00	4.23
-do- Inc	334.30	355.70	+1.20	4.23
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	171.90	181.50	+0.40	6.64
-do- Inc	92.61	97.80	+0.23	6.64
Nth America	280.30	298.20	+6.10	...
Far East	250.10	266.10	+6.90	0.31
Europe	210.00	223.40	+3.00	1.31
General Inc	413.60	440.10	+2.70	2.70
-do- Acc	450.60	479.40	+3.10	2.70
Brit Excell	62.21	66.18	+0.27	3.12
Brit Fndmtls Inc	63.72	67.79	+0.19	5.23
Brit Fndmtls Acc	81.18	86.37	+0.25	5.23
Global Oppr	68.35	72.72	+1.46	...
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15. 081 534 5544				
Capital	105.00	112.40†	-0.90	3.32
Euro Gth Inc	110.20	116.70	+1.60	1.24
Extra Inc	102.00	109.10	+0.20	5.50
General	233.80	250.10	+0.20	3.45
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.40	59.38	-0.07	8.75
Income	457.30	489.10†	+1.50	4.96
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ. 081 658 9002				
American Gth	98.46	104.50	+2.80	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	128.40	137.40	+3.70	...
Australia	...	...	...	...
Convertibles	50.80	54.33†	+0.14	7.40
Eastern	172.70	186.00	+6.00	1.60
Equity Income	76.03	80.88	+0.57	6.70
European Gth	218.10	232.10	+4.10	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	147.00	157.10	+1.50	2.00
Exempt	80.61	82.75†	+1.53	3.80
German Growth	51.63	55.13	+0.58	0.80
Global Growth	107.70	115.00	+2.30	...
Japan Growth	157.90	169.30†	+5.10	...
Japan Sunrise	131.30	140.20	+3.60	...
Portfolio	114.70	122.60	+1.00	3.40
-do- Acc	202.60	216.70	+1.70	3.40
UK Growth	74.17	78.90	+0.61	3.20
UK Smaller Cos	73.66	78.78	+0.06	2.00
Select Managers	61.58	65.99	+0.68	2.10
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA. 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	100.99	108.01	+0.40	2.39
-do- Inc	92.50	98.93	+0.37	2.39
Global Bond	29.53	31.32	+0.44	5.78
High Yield Acc	50.38	53.88	+0.29	4.52
-do- Inc	36.93	39.50†	+0.21	4.52
Smlr Cos Acc	82.33	88.06	+0.32	1.81
-do- Inc	76.14	81.44	+0.30	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	59.18	63.29	+1.03	0.29
-do- Inc	58.08	62.11†	+1.01	0.29
Euro Gth Acc	94.16	100.70	+1.20	1.78
-do- Inc	93.29	99.77	+1.19	1.78
Mngd P folio	33.73	36.08	+0.34	1.54
Pacific Growth	85.70	91.66	+1.56	1.17
Intl Spec Opps	83.68	89.50	+1.07	1.09
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144				
Financial	110.70	117.90	+0.60	3.77
Smaller Cos Acc	253.90	270.40	-0.60	...
Smaller Cos Inc	148.70	158.40	-0.30	1.45
High Inc	71.36	76.36	+0.14	7.23
Income	121.80	130.40	-0.10	4.45
Mngd P folio Inc	89.82	95.66†	+0.86	2.17
-do- Acc	168.20	179.10	+1.70	...
North American	113.50	120.80†	-2.20	0.18
Orient	97.34	104.80	+2.20	...
Recovery	35.57	38.23	+0.14	3.09
German	39.95	42.84	+0.62	0.09
Intl Growth	33.31	35.47	+0.63	0.22
European Inc	22.17	23.87	+0.38	0.47
Conv General	19.16	20.50	-0.02	8.14
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	62.87	66.89	+0.84	1.23
-do- Acc	70.10	74.58	+0.94	1.23
Income Fund S	206.20	219.40	+0.50	4.09
-do- Acc	468.80	498.80	+1.20	4.09
Inv Portfolio	65.62	68.00	-0.14	2.51
-do- Acc	74.09	76.78	+0.45	2.31
Smaller Cos	112.70	119.90	+0.70	2.23
-do- Acc	135.40	144.10	+0.90	2.23
High Inc P folio	57.90	60.01	-0.32	4.84
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL. 071 480 7216				
Sht Gilt Fxd Inc	69.12	70.06	-0.04	5.94
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH. 061 837 5060				
Environ	132.30	140.80	+0.60	1.74
UK Growth	140.70	149.70†	+0.40	2.48
UK Income	120.60	128.40	-0.40	4.59
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	77.99	83.41	+2.12	1.12
Growth	43.62	46.65†	-0.07	3.07
Income	51.36	54.93†	+0.14	4.33
Far East	40.75	43.58	+1.05	0.37
North American	89.60	95.83	-2.35	0.01
Global	83.45	89.25	+1.94	0.63
European	64.40	68.86	+0.85	1.36
Japan	85.58	91.53	+2.10	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	59.02	62.53	+1.17	5.05
UK Cap Gwth	76.36	81.67	-0.16	2.33
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	135.50	144.10	-3.30	0.06
-do- Acc	144.00	153.20	-3.50	0.06
European	65.44	69.29	+1.11	1.09
-do- Acc	67.83	71.82	+1.16	1.09
Far East Gen	48.29	51.38	+1.38	...
-do- Acc	48.29	51.38	+1.38	...
Glenfriars	240.80	256.20	+3.10	1.33
-do- Acc	270.40	287.70	+3.40	1.33
Growth	369.10	394.80	+2.60	2.58
-do- Acc	627.50	671.20	+4.30	2.58
Income Growth	360.30	383.30†	+4.60	4.13
-do- Acc	479.00	509.60	+6.60	4.13
Master Portfolio	9280.0	9593.0†	-83.00	2.86
-do- Acc	10689.0	11050.0	-79.00	2.86
Special Sits	84.03	89.40†	+0.63	2.55
-do- Acc	98.35	104.63	+0.73	2.55
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1161.0	1197.0	+6.00	4.67
-do- Acc	1344.0	1386.0	+7.00	4.67
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	196.80	209.40†	+2.10	1.74
Capital	517.00	551.70	+2.30	2.55
Eurotrack 100	126.10	134.10†	+1.80	1.79
Euro Gth	77.93	82.97†	+1.15	1.89
Far East Growth	78.83	84.13†	+1.75	0.51
Global Bond	23.10	24.34†	+0.20	6.53
Hong Kong	67.32	71.84	-1.59	0.70
Income	491.80	524.80	+3.60	4.80
Intl Growth	71.40	76.20	+1.20	1.14
Japan Growth	204.50	218.20	+4.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	26.03	27.78†	+0.49	...
Japan Index	60.72	64.80†	+1.33	0.31
Nth American	430.00	458.90	+5.30	0.98
S pore Mly Gth	50.11	53.47	+1.33	...
The Footsie Fd	105.60	111.50	-0.30	2.56
Tiger Index	135.40	144.40	+2.70	0.98
Trixie Index	98.76	105.40	+0.40	3.04
UK Index	119.50	127.50†	+0.40	3.38
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	85.20	90.89	+1.00	1.00
European P folio	70.06	74.40	+0.60	1.38
Japanese P folio	49.14	52.19	+1.21	...
Pacific P folio	87.43	94.02	+2.42	2.43
Cazenove P folio	67.29	71.97†	+0.51	3.00
UK Income Gth	60.92	65.27	+0.49	5.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	582.50	586.60	...	5.08
Fixed Int	151.95	152.70	...	9.50
Deposit	6.80	6.98	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	573.11	578.96	...	5.16
-do- Acc	2209.5	2215.6	...	...
Deposit	6.70	6.87	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.00	124.28	...	9.33
-do- Acc	159.85	160.17	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	62.06	65.33	+3.27	2.48
Beckman Intl	79.58	84.01	+2.94	3.37
Friars Hse Inc	174.05	186.23†	-4.94	6.62
Friars Hse Cap	241.47	258.37	-5.69	2.99
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
American Gth	111.65	118.78	+2.81	...
European Gth	90.53	96.31	+1.55	1.40
Far East Gth	91.96	97.83	+2.45	0.37
Japan Gth Acc	32.99	35.10	+0.81	...
Managed	59.55	63.35	+0.59	3.05
-do- Acc	71.91	76.50	+0.70	3.05
Mthly Inc Plus	45.68	48.59	-0.61	9.01
Smaller Cos	31.09	33.07†	+0.15	2.23
-do- Acc	35.00	37.23	+0.17	2.23
UK General	66.68	70.94	-0.44	2.81
-do- Acc	79.94	85.04	+0.51	2.81
Wwide Bd	64.14	68.23	+0.95	5.65
-do- Acc	80.36	85.49	+1.19	5.65
Wwide Sp Sits	52.60	56.26†	+1.19	0.30
-do- Acc	54.68	58.48	+1.23	0.30
Quilter General	120.99	128.71	+0.37	2.52
-do- Acc	133.17	141.67	+0.40	2.52
Quilter Income	89.66	95.38†	+0.43	4.01
-do- Acc	110.50	117.55	+0.51	4.01
Quilter Intl	121.96	129.74	+2.78	0.47
-do- Acc	123.64	131.53	+2.81	0.47
Quilter UK Spec	68.17	72.52	+0.16	2.55
-do- Acc	90.18	95.94	+0.20	2.55
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	97.65	103.88	+1.37	1.87
Fixed Conv	39.35	41.86†	+0.03	8.36
-do- Acc	102.66	109.21	+0.09	8.36
Equity Inc	137.26	146.02†	+1.02	4.19
-do- Acc	441.36	469.53	+3.29	4.19
High Yield	113.78	121.04	+0.72	5.27
-do- Acc	425.85	453.03	+2.69	5.27
Preference	45.78	48.70†	+0.04	8.16
-do- Acc	231.59	246.37	+0.20	8.16
PPT Europe	143.73	152.90	+2.31	0.71
PPT Global Bnd	82.36	87.62	-1.36	4.45
PPT Gold Com	47.50	50.53	+1.04	...
PPT Thai	57.82	61.51	+1.56	...
PPT Hong Kong	89.50	95.21	+2.48	0.60
PPT Japan	91.08	96.89	+2.32	...
PPT N Amer	155.61	165.54	+5.51	...
PPT S'pore Mly	100.22	106.62	+3.57	...
PPT UK	113.00	120.21	+0.70	1.54
PPT Cash	90.85	90.85	+0.01	6.31
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	72.54	77.17	+2.15	1.03
Japanese Acc	47.33	50.35	+1.17	...
UK Balncd Inc	120.90	128.60	+0.20	2.61
-do- Acc	141.20	150.20	+0.30	2.61
UK Growth Acc	200.40	213.20	+0.40	2.36
UK High Inc	128.90	136.70	+0.40	5.89
-do- Acc	151.70	161.40	+0.40	5.89
N America Acc	119.30	126.90	+3.30	0.31
European Acc	146.90	156.30	+2.70	0.45
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.58	63.23	+0.07	8.94
-do- Acc	96.16	102.10	+0.20	8.94
Intl Sp Sits Acc	45.75	48.67	+1.16	0.23
Environmntl Opp	69.96	74.43	+0.07	1.49
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	115.30	122.40	+2.00	...
UK Smlr Cos	174.70	185.80	+1.60	1.35
Eurofund	36.81	38.91†	+0.51	1.03
Mngd Exempt	161.20	168.00	+3.60	3.12
Growth Inc	209.20	222.30†	+1.00	4.05
High Dist	135.70	144.20	+0.90	6.00
International	309.40	328.70	+2.90	0.99
Intl Income	79.12	84.46†	-0.94	3.08
Pacific	54.76	58.18	+1.09	0.52
Smllr Jap Cos	53.19	56.55	+1.18	...
Tokyo	160.90	171.00	+3.40	...
Japan Exempt	90.74	93.24	+7.56	0.54
Sm Jap Exempt	414.80	426.30	+4.20	0.12
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7261				
Endurance	161.10	171.30	...	1.22
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	102.94	108.36	+1.02	3.72
High Income	118.25	124.47	+1.40	5.07
Tst of Inv Tsts	136.83	144.03	+1.57	2.54
Special Sits	83.52	87.92	+0.64	3.40
North American	111.41	117.27	+1.22	1.11
Far Eastern	205.32	216.13	+2.31	1.55
Intl Growth	88.78	93.45	+0.58	1.57
European	61.78	65.03	+0.48	2.15
Smaller Cos	68.09	71.67	+0.60	2.43
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	226.00	239.80	+4.80	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	6.80
European Tst	105.70	112.40	+0.90	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	89.78	95.03	+1.36	0.68
Far Eastern	112.60	120.60	+2.90	...
Oseas Income	86.50	92.51	+1.88	2.70
UK Growth	90.14	96.41†	+0.29	1.38
UK Income	99.76	106.70	+0.40	3.96
US Smaller Cos	232.20	248.30	+6.70	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	444.60	475.40	+12.60	...
-do- Acc	454.20	485.70	+13.00	...
Capital	278.70	296.40	+0.60	2.32
-do- Acc	384.80	409.30	+1.00	2.32
Contl Smllr Cos	44.31	47.78	+0.54	1.42
-do- Acc	45.85	49.44	+0.56	1.42
Convertible	106.40	113.10†	+0.70	6.31
-do- Acc	197.10	209.60†	+1.40	6.31
European	94.57	101.10	+1.25	0.82
-do- Acc	97.72	104.50	+1.30	0.82
Extra Income	276.80	294.40†	+2.10	4.59
-do- Acc	387.50	412.10†	+2.80	4.59
Financial	105.60	113.30	+2.50	0.71
-do- Acc	109.90	118.00	+2.70	0.71
Health Fund Inc	131.80	140.80	+1.90	...
-do- Acc	131.80	140.80	+1.90	...
Income Tst	171.90	182.80	+1.00	4.28
-do- Acc	239.60	254.80	+1.40	4.28
Intl Growth	308.00	328.70	+5.70	...
-do- Acc	342.10	365.00	+6.30	...
Japan Gen	134.30	144.10	+4.30	...
-do- Acc	135.80	145.50	+4.30	...
Mngd P folio Inc	88.74	93.41	+1.03	1.10
-do- Acc	91.64	96.46	+1.06	1.10
Monthly Income	139.80	148.70†	+0.40	4.68
Recovery	287.60	307.80†	+4.80	0.76
-do- Acc	335.90	359.20†	+5.70	0.76
Gilt Gth Tst	60.59	62.47	+0.08	6.94
-do- Acc	76.06	78.43	+0.11	6.94
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	338.12	359.70	-0.15	3.05
-do- Acc	682.70	726.28	-0.29	3.05
Euro Gth Dist	100.32	106.72†	+1.14	1.12
-do- Acc	103.31	109.90†	+1.17	1.12
Fixed Int Dist	129.36	136.83	+0.35	6.69
-do- Acc	214.71	227.11	+0.58	6.69
Intl Gth Dist	72.45	77.07	+1.28	0.82
-do- Acc	74.94	79.72	+1.31	0.82
Nth Amer Dist	171.80	182.15†	+3.35	0.66
-do- Acc	186.47	197.70†	+3.63	0.66
Pac Basin Dist	213.24	226.85†	+5.11	0.39
-do- Acc	216.51	230.33†	+5.17	0.39
Stewardship Dist	287.15	305.48	+1.09	1.98
-do- Acc	339.73	361.42	+1.30	1.98
Stwd Inc Dist	58.44	62.17†	+0.06	3.97
-do- Acc	71.70	76.28†	+0.08	3.97
N Am Stwd Dist	98.22	104.49†	+2.33	0.03
-do- Acc	103.91	110.54†	+2.47	0.03
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	147.00	157.20	+2.80	...
European	387.00	410.60	+5.30	0.96
Far East General	190.80	202.90	+5.10	0.32
Germany	92.61	98.05	+1.73	0.42
Global Assets In	64.96	69.48	+1.07	2.21
Global Assets Ac	68.06	72.80	+1.12	2.18
Income	107.60	115.10	+0.90	7.32
International	247.90	265.20	+4.60	0.99
Intl Income	74.70	79.53	-1.46	4.64
Japan General	297.70	315.40	+6.80	...
Smllr Cos Div	44.89	48.02†	+0.05	6.32
UK Capital Inc	149.30	159.70†	+0.70	4.13
-do- Acc	255.40	273.20	+1.40	4.02
UK Spec Sits	67.84	72.56	-0.03	1.68
US General	115.90	123.30	+3.00	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	113.40	121.30	+2.20	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.61	45.57†	+0.28	1.29
Cash Trust*	127.14	127.14	+0.01	5.91
Fracs Inv Inc	99.07	106.24	+1.10	4.19
-do- Acc	211.53	226.84	+2.38	4.19
UK Smaller Cos	92.60	99.30	+2.64	1.82
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.15	25.83†	-0.46	8.63
High Inc	30.09	32.18†	+0.39	5.59
UK Equity Inc	121.03	129.44†	+0.61	4.66
Intl Fxd Int	29.81	30.80	+0.41	5.15
International Funds				
Gold Intl	62.04	66.53	+0.93	1.76
Frontier Markets	41.27	44.26	+0.87	0.27
Global Inc Gth	118.26	126.23	+1.98	2.68
UK Intl	108.26	115.79†	+0.53	1.19
Overseas Funds				
American	131.05	139.96	+2.95	0.57
European	80.24	85.12	+1.49	0.95
Euro Sel Oppr	91.13	96.93†	+1.73	1.28
American Emerg	79.11	84.84	+1.94	...
Hong Kong	97.67	104.74	+3.14	2.09
Japan	163.39	173.84	+4.24	...
Pacific Growth	136.06	145.01	+4.15	0.53
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	116.97	125.10	+1.96	0.95
American Gth	123.63	132.22	+2.96	0.35
European Gth	65.87	70.45	+0.72	0.82
German Horizn	46.31	49.40	+0.40	0.92
Japan Gth	61.70	65.99	+1.09	...
Pacific Inc	120.44	128.81	+3.61	3.22
Pacific Strategy	99.00	105.88	+3.91	...
UK Prog Inc	66.71	70.51	-0.15	6.11
Gt British Cos	46.88	49.39	-0.01	2.00
UK Small Cos	41.69	44.59	-0.14	2.60
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9868				
Cash	129.80	129.80	...	5.52
Gilt Fixed	119.30	126.40	+0.30	6.65
Growth Equity	279.40	298.40	+0.80	2.39
Guardhill	413.20	441.40	+1.00	2.62
Income Trust	101.60	108.50	-0.10	4.61
International	148.00	158.10	+1.90	0.32
Japan Trust	101.40	108.30†	+3.00	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	256.60	274.10	+4.30	0.36
Pacific	320.10	341.90	+5.10	0.01
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	327.30	349.60	+5.40	0.65
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 538868				
Global Adv Inc	33.55	35.57†	...	1.83
-do- Acc	35.13	37.24	...	1.83
Inc Adv Inc	28.72	30.45	+0.20	4.31
-do- Acc	29.61	31.39	+0.20	4.31
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690590				
Canadian	65.17	69.81	+1.50	0.62
Equity Income	107.90	114.80	+0.10	3.86
European	130.00	137.40	+1.90	1.50
Intl Situation	70.26	74.74	+1.06	...
Japanese	111.10	118.10	+2.70	...
North American	103.80	110.10	+2.00	0.06
Scandinavian	100.80	106.50	+0.40	0.58
Smaller Cos	28.05	29.64†	+0.07	2.68
HENDERSON PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	94.19	100.73	+1.73	...
Asian Enterprise	113.62	122.05	+3.93	1.11
Australian	122.63	131.08	+2.81	1.35
European	344.64	365.04	+6.01	1.21
European Inc	66.25	70.11†	+1.10	3.05
Euro Smi Co	114.62	122.23	+1.42	1.29
Extra Income	249.27	265.37	+2.63	5.24
Family of Funds	65.72	70.18†	+0.26	1.47
Fixed Interest	55.04	58.86	+0.09	8.32
Global Resour	77.75	83.45†	+1.17	1.61
High Inc	267.99	286.47†	+2.19	4.73
Income Gth	225.24	239.87	+0.54	3.92
[illegible]	566.80	603.63	+1.36	3.92
International	220.55	234.53	+4.20	0.95
Japan Spc Sit	182.77	194.43	+5.02	...
Japan	157.97	167.90†	+4.09	...
N Amer	238.12	253.26†	+6.43	0.20
Pacific Smllr Cos	153.63	165.04	+4.56	1.44
Pref Gth	45.25	49.17†	-0.07	9.01
Smaller Cos Div	150.58	164.12†	+0.90	4.54
Special Sits	249.47	266.93	+0.60	1.56
-do- Acc	382.07	408.80	+0.91	1.56
Best of British	53.60	57.45	+0.20	2.38
Spirit of the East	52.46	56.08	+1.12	0.69
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	85.06	90.97	+0.26	2.34
Capital	148.70	159.00†	+1.50	2.47
Dollar	312.60	334.30	+7.50	0.28
European	185.50	198.30	+2.80	0.58
Far East	216.70	231.70†	+6.80	0.66
Financial	630.90	674.70	+5.20	2.64
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.39	26.37†	+0.07	8.24
High Yield	96.78	103.50	+0.70	5.30
Income	128.60	137.50	+1.00	3.66
Intl	201.60	215.60†	+3.80	0.52
Japan Tech	53.93	57.67†	+1.24	...
Nat Resources	53.14	56.83	+1.13	0.58
Security	283.10	302.70	+1.00	2.20
Smaller Cos	101.20	108.20	-0.20	1.81
Special Sits	128.30	137.20	-0.10	2.39
US Smaller Cos	75.06	80.27	+2.15	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	243.70	256.50	+4.30	1.40
Capital Gwth	102.10	107.50	...	2.49
Inv Trusts	117.70	123.90	...	0.77
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	21.67	23.16†	+0.12	1.88
Special Features	25.81	27.42	-0.17	1.64
-do- Acc	30.27	32.16	-0.19	1.64
General Funds				
UK Growth	51.06	54.66	+0.10	2.72
Assets Earnings	67.99	72.23†	+0.31	2.08
do Acc	80.03	85.03†	-0.37	2.08
Managed Invest	80.33	85.84†	+1.31	1.39
Rupert Children	73.59	78.50	-0.28	1.78
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.01	50.01†	+0.01	5.73
Extra Inc	75.17	80.55†	+0.28	5.42
Gilt	27.36	28.80†	+0.04	7.21
Income Gth	36.98	39.54	+0.16	3.81
MIMstar	73.67	77.68	+0.14	8.43
Preference	17.68	18.78	+0.06	7.11
UK Income	296.00	316.70	+1.70	3.63
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	52.15	55.40	+0.77	1.71
Property Shares	55.07	58.51	+1.05	2.22
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	135.50	142.40	+0.90	3.77
European Acc	107.10	113.50	+1.70	1.95
European Dist	101.90	108.00	+1.60	1.98
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	50.93	54.15	+1.10	1.01
European Perf	101.60	107.80	+1.70	1.30
-do- Acc	103.50	109.80	+1.70	1.30
Euro Small Cos	19.19	20.45	+0.20	0.84
French Growth	63.97	68.01†	+1.10	0.68
-do- Acc	68.18	72.49†	+1.17	0.68
Hong K/China	59.21	63.70†	+1.64	1.66
Intl Growth	47.99	50.98	+0.91	1.24
-do- Acc	47.98	50.98	+0.91	1.24
Japan Perf	26.07	27.68	+0.74	...
Accum Units	26.07	27.68	+0.74	...
Japan Smllr Cos	27.06	29.37	+0.90	...
Singapore Asean	69.86	75.68	+2.26	0.63
-do- Acc	70.29	76.15	+2.27	0.63
South East Asia	202.20	218.00	+5.90	0.93
US Smllr Cos	115.40	122.60	+2.60	...
-do- Acc	116.70	123.90	+2.00	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	80.01	85.19	+1.47	2.75
Intl Bond	37.82	58.58	+0.77	6.43
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.54	68.88†	-0.01	6.13
Extra Income	50.49	53.71	-0.56	7.17
Gilt Yield	118.10	124.50	+0.20	8.19
Global Income	184.40	196.20†	+2.13	4.36
High Yield	127.80	136.00†	-0.24	6.42
Smllr Cos Div	42.92	45.66†	+0.06	6.04
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	93.77	99.75	+1.39	...
North American	77.54	82.49	+1.76	0.23
European	125.40	133.40	+1.40	0.89
Euro Special	74.86	79.64	+0.94	1.04
General	258.60	275.10†	+0.40	3.50
Japan	309.80	329.60	+7.20	...
Japanese Special	164.90	175.40	+3.40	...
Master Acc	208.10	221.40	+2.00	1.49
Pacific	232.00	246.80	+4.90	0.38
Smaller Cos	92.89	98.82	+2.96	2.34
UK Equity Gth	33.44	35.57†	+0.23	2.78
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	70.88	75.40†	+0.98	0.97
Extra Income	23.36	24.85†	-0.02	3.80
Far East	22.44	23.87	-0.52	1.00
Income Gwth	71.09	75.62	-0.06	2.96
Intl Growth	48.49	51.59	+0.71	1.00
Japan	50.48	53.70†	+1.09	...
Maximum Dist*	100.30	102.30†	+0.10	8.15
N Amer Equity	40.98	43.60	-0.80	0.45
UK Equity	83.21	88.52	-0.06	2.91
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	51.39	54.67†	-0.08	4.66
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	412.90	439.30	-2.20	3.00
Equity Acc	777.20	822.30	-4.10	3.00
Equity Income	87.87	93.48†	-0.48	5.25
European	91.91	97.78†	+1.56	1.69
Far Eastern	154.40	164.30	+3.20	0.35
Fixed Interest	49.35	52.50†	-0.07	9.00
Gilt	89.98	95.42	-0.05	6.63
Global Growth	60.93	64.82	+1.35	1.05
Intl Bond	57.46	61.13	-0.98	5.40
Japanese	54.19	57.65	+1.51	...
Overseas Equity	89.18	94.87	+1.59	0.67
Pacific Gth	76.40	81.25	+1.51	1.48
North American	140.70	149.70†	+2.90	1.13
UK Recovery	73.20	77.87	+0.35	2.65
UK Smllr Cos	95.85	102.00†	-0.20	2.07
Worldwide	71.99	76.48	+0.71	2.69
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	308.20	327.90	+4.80	3.14
-do- Acc	667.40	710.10	+10.60	3.14
Contl Euro Gth	49.19	51.78	+0.85	1.58
-do- Acc	52.02	54.76	+0.90	1.58
Extra Inc	232.50	247.40	+1.60	4.15
-do- Acc	565.50	601.70	+1.60	4.15
German Gth	96.71	101.80	+1.60	0.30
-do- Acc	101.50	106.90	+1.60	0.30
Income	430.10	457.60	+5.60	3.90
-do- Acc	1091.0	1161.0	+12.30	3.90
Japan Growth	74.62	79.39	+1.79	0.01
-do- Acc	74.88	79.66	+1.78	0.01
Master Trust	50.33	53.55	+0.34	1.36
-do- Acc	54.74	58.24	+0.37	1.36
N American Gen	192.20	204.50	+2.40	0.01
-do- Acc	222.00	236.20	+2.80	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	141.50	150.60	+0.40	0.01
-do- Acc	144.50	153.80	+0.60	0.01
Pacific Basin	184.10	195.90	+7.10	0.51
-do- Acc	194.60	207.10	+7.30	0.51
Small Cos Rec	282.90	297.80	+0.30	2.45
-do- Acc	364.90	384.20	+0.40	2.45
UK Growth	75.97	80.52	+1.37	2.51
-do- Acc	88.58	94.24	+1.60	2.51
Worldwide Gth	267.00	284.10	+5.50	0.24
-do- Acc	393.40	418.60	+8.10	0.24
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	75.16	80.64	+0.01	3.10
Income	57.63	61.83	-0.08	6.10
International	53.65	57.56	+0.92	0.80
American	61.46	65.94	+1.19	0.30
Japan	39.75	42.65	+0.98	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	51.52	55.28	+0.44	2.10
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	398.10	420.90†	+7.30	0.80
-do- Acc	491.20	519.40	+9.10	0.80
American Rec	410.30	434.90	+8.50	0.63
-do- Acc	469.50	497.60	+9.70	0.63
Am Sm Co Acc	123.60	130.80	+2.30	0.09
Australia Acc	128.40	136.90	+2.00	1.85
Capital	596.00	630.30†	-0.40	3.26
-do- Acc	657.60	695.50	-0.40	3.26
Commodity Acc	364.50	385.40	+5.70	1.45
Compnd Gth	779.80	824.60	-1.60	3.40
Dividend	32.90	34.80	...	4.77
-do- Acc	126.40	135.30	-0.30	4.77
Equity Inc	276.60	296.03	+0.60	5.85
European Div	55.00	58.80†	+0.40	5.18
-do- Acc	62.20	66.40	+0.40	5.18
European Gen	360.90	381.70†	+3.40	1.78
-do- Acc	450.80	476.80	+4.20	1.78
Extra Yield	344.10	368.20	-0.90	5.09
-do- Acc	988.50	1058.2	-2.50	5.09
Far Eastern	249.30	263.60	+6.40	1.56
-do- Acc	327.00	345.80	+8.50	1.56
Fund of Inv	463.80	490.50	+1.90	2.58
-do- Acc	837.00	885.20	+3.50	2.58
General	50.30	53.20†	-0.10	4.07
-do- Acc	131.50	140.20	-0.40	4.07
Gilt Fxd Int	60.70	60.70†	...	9.01
do Acc	149.90	150.10	+0.10	9.01
Gold	33.50	35.70†	+0.70	2.36
-do- Acc	39.10	41.70	+0.70	2.36
High Inc	22.70	24.00	...	5.29
-do- Acc	83.80	88.60	-0.10	5.29
Intl Growth	64.70	68.60†	-0.90	1.09
-do- Acc	111.60	118.30	-1.60	1.09
Intl Inc	86.90	92.50	+1.00	5.35
Japan Gen Acc	39.90	42.10	+1.00	...
Japan Smllr Cos	112.50	118.60	-3.10	0.01
Midland	49.40	52.20	+0.10	4.70
-do- Acc	156.40	165.30	+0.60	4.70
Recovery	33.20	35.50†	-0.10	3.55
-do- Acc	52.20	55.80	-0.10	3.55
Second Gen	56.00	59.20†	+0.10	4.05
-do- Acc	137.00	144.80	-0.40	4.05
Smaller Cos	54.20	57.30†	+0.10	3.94
-do- Acc	102.80	108.70	-0.30	3.94
Trustee	35.70	37.80	...	4.38
Charifund 3	3109.11	...†	...	9.86
Charifund 2	588.80	594.70†	-1.10	5.39
Pension ex I	823.80	844.40	-2.20	4.70
NAACIF Inc 3	144.25	...†	+0.30	8.18
-do- Acc 3	1043.5	...	-19.80	8.18
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	129.40	138.40†	-0.95	2.59
-do- Acc	143.70	153.60†	+0.95	2.59
UK Income	106.30	113.60†	+0.44	3.16
-do- Acc	118.50	126.70†	+0.44	3.16
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	73.97	79.11†	+1.73	0.63
Far East (Pacific)	116.10	123.20	+2.80	0.47
Income Growth	67.77	71.94†	-0.45	4.50
European	62.35	66.18†	+1.13	2.09
Nth American	58.23	61.81	-1.35	1.17
UK Growth	72.71	77.18	-0.46	1.53
Intl Growth	84.94	90.16	+1.40	0.57
Charities	103.50	109.80†	-0.60	4.77
Intl Income	62.33	66.06	+0.35	4.85
Japan	39.64	42.08	+0.81	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	195.40	207.40	+4.50	...
-do- Acc	208.80	221.70	+4.90	...
Cash	100.30	100.30†	...	6.72
-do- Acc	127.60	127.60†	...	6.72
European Gth	189.00	199.50	+2.40	0.35
-do- Acc	201.30	213.50	+2.50	0.35
General	445.20	474.90	+0.20	2.70
-do- Acc	834.70	890.40	+0.60	2.70
Global Dist	133.10	139.80	+0.80	3.29
-do- Acc	145.80	153.30	+1.00	3.29
Income	133.70	142.40	-0.20	5.11
-do- Acc	192.20	204.90	-0.30	5.11
International	355.80	379.10	+6.10	1.10
-do- Acc	471.90	502.80	+8.00	1.10
Japan	146.20	155.00†	+1.90	...
-do- Acc	150.10	159.10†	+1.90	...
New Europe	126.90	135.40†	-0.60	1.48
-do- Acc	129.00	137.60†	-0.60	1.48
Recovery	273.40	291.20	-0.40	3.28
-do- Acc	341.80	364.60	-0.40	3.28
European Inc	72.81	77.05†	-1.11	3.05
-do- Acc	92.36	97.75†	+1.41	3.05
Brit Blue Chip	69.82	74.40	-0.05	3.58
-do- Acc	81.75	87.12	-0.06	3.58
Portfolio	71.21	75.74	-0.22	3.19
-do- Acc	79.79	84.87	-0.22	3.19
Gold General	56.18	59.93	+1.64	4.05
-do- Acc	56.96	60.76	+1.67	4.05
Pacific	81.66	87.11	+1.57	0.66
-do- Acc	86.32	92.08	+1.66	0.66
UK Smaller Cos	47.96	51.06	+0.34	1.74
-do- Acc	53.22	56.77	+0.37	1.74
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 528 200. Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	55.95	59.84	+0.29	3.72
-do- Acc	55.95	59.84	+0.29	3.72
British Dist	76.01	81.29	+0.29	2.44
-do- Acc	83.95	89.79	+0.31	2.44
European Gth	161.30	172.20	+2.70	0.36
-do- Acc	202.80	216.10	+3.40	0.36
Extra High Inc	65.91	70.49†	+0.21	6.85
-do- Acc	114.50	122.50	+0.30	6.85
Gilt Fixed Int	56.03	58.38	+0.08	7.11
-do- Acc	145.40	151.50	+0.20	7.11
High Yield	208.60	223.10	+1.30	5.31
-do- Acc	476.60	511.90	+2.90	5.31
Income	265.40	283.80	+1.50	4.15
-do- Acc	551.40	589.70	+3.20	4.15
Japan Gth	264.60	282.90	+7.10	...
-do- Acc	279.30	298.60	+7.50	...
Mandarin Acc	87.65	93.74	+2.69	1.33
North American	168.40	180.10	+3.30	0.73
-do- Acc	211.70	226.40	+4.20	0.73
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	260.70	277.50†	+6.80	0.45
Deposit Inc	100.35	100.35†	+0.02	5.64
Deposit Acc	121.16	121.16†	+0.01	5.64
Euro Gth Acc	243.90	260.40†	+3.30	...
Europa	112.30	120.90†	+2.20	...
Intl Gth	156.50	167.10	+2.70	...
Japan Tracker	58.60	62.09	+1.58	...
UK Equity Inc	137.70	148.30	+0.30	5.30
-do- Acc	165.80	178.60	+0.40	5.30
UK Ind Tracker	136.70	145.50†	+0.20	3.61
US Eq Ind Trkr	195.30	208.80	+4.20	1.26
-do- Acc	205.30	219.70	+4.40	1.26
Asian Trader	133.20	144.40	+4.20	1.06
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	175.30	179.20†	+2.00	2.49
European	58.18	59.47	+0.77	1.34
Olympiad	51.60	52.86†	-0.73	0.73
Global Bond	47.06	47.58†	-0.40	7.06
Smaller Cos	57.62	60.06	+0.14	2.19
Equity Income	89.63	92.10	+0.30	5.09
UK Growth	81.08	83.57	-0.10	1.74
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	48.36	51.58	+0.49	0.74
Australian Acc	264.90	284.20	+1.10	...
Conscience	60.82	64.90	+0.16	1.73
-do- Acc	65.31	69.70	+0.17	1.73
European	161.80	172.50	+2.60	1.25
-do- Acc	172.60	184.10	+2.80	1.25
Extra Income	70.01	74.71	-0.23	6.03
-do- Acc	105.20	112.20	-0.40	6.03
Far East Gth	136.60	146	+0.80	0.08
Gilt Fxd Inc	56.61	59.93	+0.10	7.69
Gold	26.97	29.00†	+0.54	...
-do- Acc	29.04	31.22	+0.57	...
Income	49.86	53.18	+0.39	5.36
-do- Acc	149.50	159.40	+0.80	5.36
International	27.90	29.93	+0.48	0.90
-do- Acc	40.09	43.01	-0.70	0.90
Jap Sm Cos Acc	244.20	260.40	+5.00	...
S pore Mly Acc	148.80	159.50	+1.60	...
Smllr Cos Acc	23.08	24.81	+0.09	2.10
Special Sits	30.91	33.23	+0.16	1.84
-do- Acc	35.28	37.93	+0.19	1.84
Tokyo	64.75	69.06	+1.64	...
-do- Acc	65.40	69.76	+1.66	...
US Smllr Co Acc	109.50	117.10	+0.90	...
UK Equity	154.20	164.40	+0.40	2.75
-do- Acc	285.90	304.70	+0.80	2.75
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	65.01	69.16	+0.42	3.01
N&P Glt Fxd Intl	73.59	77.88	+0.13	6.92
N&P Higher Inc	173.70	184.40†	+0.20	5.18
N&P UK Income	95.12	101.74	+0.41	4.26
N&P Intl	82.45	88.66	+0.96	2.34
N&P Smaller Cos	68.51	73.28	+0.14	1.92
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	153.32	163.11	+1.22	3.05
Global	255.58	271.90	+4.35	1.12
Income	189.49	201.59†	+1.30	4.46
Intl Bond	125.56	133.58	+1.89	7.43
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577.				
Growth	131.60	140.60	+0.90	2.85
-do- Acc	231.30	243.50	+0.90	2.85
Income	208.90	222.20	+1.30	3.90
Intl Equity	204.10	217.10	+3.80	1.18
-do- Acc	223.50	237.70	+4.20	1.18
Equity	208.70	222.00	+0.50	2.71
-do- Acc	423.00	450.00	+0.90	2.71
UK Intl 25 Acc	65.51	69.68	-0.38	2.19
UK Income	56.89	60.52†	+0.27	3.48
UK Smllr Co Acc	65.02	69.17	-0.32	1.86
New Europe Acc	59.15	62.92	+1.10	1.72
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	80.24	85.82	+1.79	0.25
PEP Gth Inc	93.37	99.87	+1.60	1.29
Intl Gth	443.65	475.43	+9.82	1.42
Income	274.83	293.94	+3.91	4.39
W wide Recov	274.69	293.79	+4.12	1.03
American Gth	204.65	218.88	+3.06	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	168.31	180.02	+2.12	0.25
Far East Gth	170.09	181.92	+1.81	0.39
European Gth	104.77	112.06	+1.03	1.24
UK Growth	70.49	75.40	-0.65	3.24
High Income	75.09	80.32†	+0.91	5.32
Japanese Gth	156.19	166.48	+2.16	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	168.40	175.90	+3.60	0.95
High Income	103.70	110.30	+1.90	3.96
Conv Gilt	107.90	114.80	+0.20	6.55
Far East	278.70	296.50	+8.20	0.24
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	51.23	54.50	+1.15	0.54
Emerging Mkts	56.66	60.28	+1.49	0.24
General	46.10	49.04	+0.16	3.49
International	79.80	84.89	+1.46	1.34
Gilt Units	25.01	25.78†	+0.03	8.25
Global PEP	34.09	36.27	+0.41	2.15
Income Gth	60.40	64.26†	+0.42	5.47
European	41.48	44.13	+0.60	1.20
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.31	26.93	-0.03	6.18
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Priceback 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst**	28.63	30.40	+0.45	1.86
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	102.00	102.00	+0.24	5.96
-do- Acc	103.79	103.79	+0.25	5.96
Pru Equity	637.43	681.74	+2.62	2.74
Pru Equity Inc	77.70	83.10	+0.35	4.42
Pru European	164.01	175.41	+2.48	1.92
Pru Global Gth	74.09	79.24†	+0.95	1.62
Pru High Inc	81.84	87.52†	+0.43	5.59
Pru Intl	146.67	156.86†	+2.98	1.38
Pru Intl Sm Co	63.04	67.42	+1.54	0.96
Pru Japanese	141.20	151.01	+3.24	...
Pru Nth Amer	146.50	156.68	+3.60	0.45
Pru Pacific Mkt	67.95	72.67†	+2.23	1.93
Pru Premr Inc	48.89	50.91†	+0.02	7.52
Pru Smllr Cos	76.90	82.24	+0.36	2.55
Pru Spec Sits	94.14	100.68†	+0.40	2.66
Pru UK Growth	106.50	113.90	+0.54	2.54
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
Income	148.81	160.20	+0.23	3.87
Japan	214.65	230.17	+4.94	...
Major UK Cos	90.72	97.67	-0.06	2.72
America Income	473.01	505.85	+11.90	0.65
-do- Acc	549.40	588.71	+13.83	0.65
Smllr UK Cos	241.94	263.74	+0.94	2.03
Smllr European	237.05	252.70	+3.07	1.67
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	72.30	76.91	+1.20	3.70
Capital Units	135.40	144.00	+0.90	1.62
Commodity	91.81	97.67	+1.95	1.37
European Gth	143.50	152.60	+1.90	1.52
Financial Sec	161.40	171.70	+0.60	2.07
High Return	203.70	216.60†	-0.80	5.02
High Yield	198.10	210.70	-0.60	4.45
Income Units	103.30	109.80†	-0.10	5.83
Investment	158.80	168.90	+0.70	1.75
Japan Gth	109.90	116.90	+2.30	...
Japan Smaller	149.40	158.90	+2.70	...
Masterfund	43.28	46.04	+0.57	1.27
Scotbits	236.60	253.80†	+1.00	2.18
Scotshares	236.20	253.40	...	3.09
Scotyields	217.20	231.00	-1.60	4.36
Select Intl	121.60	129.30	+1.90	0.71
Smaller Cos	204.40	217.40	+0.50	4.78
Special Situation	102.60	109.10	+0.50	0.88
UK Equity	212.50	226.00†	-1.30	2.86
US Growth	143.10	152.20	+2.60	0.29
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	247.03	263.49	+2.18	0.56
-do- Acc	266.87	284.66	+2.36	0.56
Australian	118.75	126.66†	+1.51	0.28
-do- Acc	139.15	148.42	+1.77	0.28
UK Enterprise	194.43	207.39†	+1.19	3.73
-do- Acc	224.58	239.55	+1.38	3.73
European Gth	59.64	63.61†	+0.78	1.29
-do- Acc	61.74	65.84	+0.80	1.29
Euro Smllr Cos	53.15	56.69†	+0.66	0.74
-do- Acc	53.52	57.08	+0.66	0.74
Far Eastern Gth	62.32	66.47†	+2.49	...
-do- Acc	63.41	67.63	+2.53	...
Fixed Interest	52.35	55.19	+0.04	8.30
-do- Acc	62.71	66.11	+0.05	8.30
Gilt Income	102.97	108.53	+0.22	8.75
-do- Acc	139.22	146.73	+0.30	8.75
Income	291.80	311.25	+1.89	4.28
-do- Acc	845.19	901.53	+5.47	4.28
Japan Enterprise	51.62	55.06	+1.31	...
-do- Acc	51.62	55.06	+1.31	...
Japan Smllr Cos	322.82	344.34†	+7.32	...
-do- Acc	323.47	345.03	+7.33	...
Pacific Gth	78.95	84.21†	+1.73	0.82
-do- Acc	81.41	86.83	+1.78	0.82
Smaller Cos	174.63	186.27†	+0.25	1.65
-do- Acc	200.14	213.48	+0.30	1.65
Tokyo	82.98	88.51	+1.83	...
-do- Acc	83.82	89.40	+1.85	...
UK Equity	195.76	208.81†	+1.10	3.28
-do- Acc	362.50	386.67	+2.03	3.28
US Smllr Cos	130.53	139.23	+1.37	...
-do- Acc	130.53	139.23	+1.37	...
World Fd	66.37	70.79†	+0.50	1.85
-do- Acc	70.04	74.70	+0.52	1.85
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	40.96	43.62	-0.02	4.53
Equity Strategy	60.27	64.19	+0.14	2.69
European Opps	68.21	72.64	+0.78	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.46	99.97	-0.01	5.91
UK Smaller Cos	46.90	49.95	+0.26	3.80
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	332.60	355.70	+1.20	3.07
American	255.00	270.60	+5.50	0.90
Pacific	277.40	296.70	+7.60	0.94
European	428.70	458.50	+7.30	1.33
Worldwide	75.31	80.55	+0.91	1.74
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	294.60	313.50	+0.20	3.19
UK Sm Cos Eqty	187.90	199.90	...	3.21
European	316.20	336.40	+4.30	1.57
North American	259.40	276.00	+6.10	0.36
Income Plus Inc	61.94	65.90	-0.03	3.60
UK Spec Sits	64.36	68.47	-0.06	2.72
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.36	26.07	-0.01	3.26
Intl Growth Acc	26.56	28.43	+0.43	1.24
Global Inc Acc	29.82	31.92	+0.20	4.41
Market Ldrs Acc	24.69	26.43†	-0.03	3.19
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	85.44	91.37	+2.05	...
Euro Spec Sits	41.26	43.83	+0.61	...
-do- Acc	43.68	46.41	+0.65	...
Far East Opps	28.43	30.64	+0.95	...
-do- Acc	29.21	31.49	+0.98	...
General Growth	95.81	102.80†	+0.30	...
Global Tech	128.00	138.10	+3.20	...
Income Growth	96.73	103.90†	+0.50	3.98
Income Monthly	55.10	58.93	-0.13	5.32
Japan Growth	63.68	67.71	+1.82	...
Overseas Gth	71.07	75.65	+1.68	...
Smaller Cos	66.98	72.02	-0.14	1.97
Special Opps	90.59	97.40†	+0.61	2.16
Wld Spec Sits	42.94	46.22†	+0.84	...
-do- Acc	45.04	48.33†	+0.84	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	41.94	44.57	...	1.88
Equity Gth Acc	57.31	60.90	...	1.20
UK Eq General	40.92	43.48	-0.20	2.41
-do- Acc	53.70	57.06	-0.30	2.41
European Acc	39.24	41.70	-0.20	1.32
Far East Acc	45.46	48.31	-0.20	0.47
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.93	31.66	-0.10	6.67
N American Acc	45.01	47.83	-0.20	0.81
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	251.00	272.40	-1.50	1.73
UK Eq High Inc	34.04	36.17	...	3.95
-do- Acc	39.57	42.37	...	3.95
UK Lgr Cos Inc	280.90	304.80	-1.30	3.91
UK Lgr Cos Acc	361.20	392.00	-1.70	3.91
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N$83.31	N$83.51	..	0.59
US Eq	$1.970	$2.092	..	0.59
Far East Eq	Y196.9	Y209.1	..	...
Japan Eq	Y194.5	Y206.6	..	...
FT Europe	109.20	116.00	..	1.16
FT North Am	$1.688	$1.793	..	0.87
FT Japan	Y195.9	Y207.4	..	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	104.70	111.20	..	1.45
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	357.50	379.40	+6.20	0.29
British	908.90	961.60	-0.30	4.69
European	354.40	377.40	+4.50	1.69
Japan	116.10	123.50	+3.30	...
New Pacific	274.30	292.10	+5.20	1.43
Mngd Cash	95.76	95.76	...	6.04
Majority Stdg	99.93	100.93	+0.01	6.19
Inv Tst	174.50	185.00	+1.22	3.09
Saints PPP	342.40	360.40	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	701.00	749.70†	+10.40	2.62
N America Acc	118.30	126.50†	+3.40	0.23
Far East Acc	107.50	115.00†	+1.00	0.22
W wide Bond	61.80	65.60	+1.19	5.22
European	79.02	84.51	+1.46	0.82
Equity Income	77.91	83.33	+0.39	4.39
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.81	37.23	+0.64	0.95
Managed Assets	113.96	121.89†	+0.39	3.70
UK Income	35.24	37.69	+0.08	4.04
UK Growth	35.16	37.61	+0.01	2.77
Worldwide Gth	28.82	30.83	+0.40	0.52
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	205.10	218.19	+4.55	0.20
-do- Acc	225.27	239.65	+5.00	0.20
British Gth	82.37	87.62	+0.39	2.36
-do- Acc	96.12	102.25	+0.46	2.36
European	87.65	93.24†	+1.26	0.85
-do- Acc	92.45	98.35†	+1.33	0.85
Extra Inc	178.71	190.12	+4.46	4.81
-do- Acc	280.56	298.47	+6.99	4.81
General Unit	251.07	267.10†	+1.49	2.62
-do- Acc	495.31	526.92†	+2.93	2.62
Income	307.95	327.61	+4.02	3.78
-do- Acc	627.25	667.29	+8.19	3.78
International	475.22	505.55	+8.17	0.63
-do- Acc	621.19	660.84	+10.69	0.63
Pacific	301.71	320.97	+3.11	...
-do- Acc	315.98	336.15	+3.26	...
Premier Income	49.64	51.71†	+0.15	7.22
-do- Acc	101.94	106.19†	+0.31	7.22
Nat Resources	89.41	95.12	+2.16	...
-do- Acc	98.05	104.31	+2.38	...
Selected Opps	88.95	94.63	+0.57	1.29
-do- Acc	111.07	118.16	+0.70	1.29
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Charlton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747				
American Eagle	120.30	128.40†	...	0.40
Australia	6.538	7.000†	+0.130	1.14
Equity	175.60	187.90†	+0.40	3.45
Euro Spec Sits	137.80	146.30	+2.60	0.59
Financial	37.16	39.70	-0.50	3.06
Global Opps Inc	85.99	91.81	+1.61	2.19
-do- Acc	89.13	95.17	+1.67	2.19
Gold Gen Inc	38.52	41.29	+0.96	1.07
-do- Acc	73.49	78.79	+1.82	1.07
Income	114.10	122.10	+0.20	5.07
Japan General	120.30	127.90	+3.20	...
Preference	21.39	22.95†	-0.05	7.90
UK Capital	98.93	105.60†	...	3.19
Worldwide Cap	190.50	203.40†	+1.60	3.16
World Income	79.82	85.03†	+1.07	3.59
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Smi Cos	68.86	73.45	+1.64	...
-do- Acc	71.01	75.74	+1.66	...
Cash	51.21	51.21	+0.01	6.25
-do- Acc	60.95	60.95	+0.01	6.25
European Opps	59.07	62.92	+1.04	0.47
-do- Acc	59.69	63.57	+0.95	0.47
Far East Opps	132.29	141.10	+1.88	0.69
-do- Acc	135.38	144.40	+1.96	0.69
Gold/Nat. Res	34.97	37.30	+1.21	...
-do- Acc	35.97	38.36	+1.23	...
Japan	62.15	66.19	+1.59	...
-do- Acc	62.15	66.19	+1.59	...
Little Dragons	62.25	66.40	+1.88	0.75
-do- Acc	63.86	68.11	+1.92	0.75
Oriental Income	38.69	41.26	+0.89	3.80
-do- Acc	48.83	52.08	+1.13	3.80
Tiger	198.13	211.33	+4.92	1.25
-do- Acc	207.25	221.06	+5.16	1.25
UK Small Cos	65.40	69.94	+0.62	2.33
-do- Acc	74.97	80.18	+0.71	2.33
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	216.20	230.60	+0.70	4.57
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	9.82	10.44	+0.22	0.50
Pacific Basin	28.58	30.40	+0.62	0.60
Canadian Gth	36.66	39	+0.50	0.10
Global Bond	$0.943	$0.982	+0.004	7.29
Penny Share	19.48	20.72	+0.01	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.08	52.08†	+0.01	6.23
Gilt Growth	64.54	67.17	+0.04	...
Gilt Income	51.97	54.08	+0.07	8.00
Short Dtd Gilt	109.30	110.70	...	4.47
US Govmnt Bd	$0.707	$0.717	-0.000	...
Challenger	92.74	94.93	+0.93	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0705 388046				
Stockmarket Fd	65.57	69.75	+0.77	2.22

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price. ... No significant data.

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Gloomy economic outlook casts doubt over EMS

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

■ Widening budget deficits in Europe raise further doubts about prospects for monetary union and contribute to continued turbulence on foreign exchanges

UNEMPLOYMENT figures in Europe will continue to rise until at least 1995, despite a modest upturn in economic growth next year, the European Commission said yesterday.

Henning Christophersen, the EC's finance commissioner, said he could give no guarantee that the European monetary system would emerge from the turbulence caused by currency speculators systematically picking off the weakest currencies in the exchange-rate mechanism.

After presenting the gloomy economic report, which predicted gross domestic product growth of 1.8 per cent next year (0.8 per cent this year), and high unemployment continuing until at least 1995, Mr Christophersen admitted there was little certainty over the future of the EMS.

He blamed the British government for the devaluation of the Irish pound. "It was the inevitable consequence of the UK leaving the ERM," he said. "You need monetary union, and this proves it."

Despite constant assertions from Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank president, that German interest rates were not slowing growth in Europe, Mr Christophersen again called for them to be cut.

The commission also produced country-by-country breakdowns of performance and potential. Britain's report said: "The UK has experienced a recession similar in nature but far worse in degree than in other major industrialised countries. The origin of recession was essentially domestic, a reaction to the previous debt-financed boom. By mid-1992 the UK's economic performance was clearly out of line with the other major industrial countries and with its EC partners, and yet the country had tied its hands in terms of monetary and exchange-rate policy independence."

The report noted that while the cost of British exports rose only about 2 per cent in the two years before sterling fell out of the ERM, the British share of export markets had fallen steadily since 1990. It said the government's move back towards net borrowing would hamper efforts to match the convergence criteria laid down in the Maastricht treaty. The government's plans, the report concluded, "suggest only a slow return to fiscal balance if tax policies remain unchanged, and one moreover vulnerable to disappointment if low growth persists". It noted that Britain's budget deficit ballooned from 2.8 per cent in 1991 to 6.1 per cent last year. Maastricht allows a debt to GDP ratio of 3 per cent for monetary union. Mr Christophersen said that, overall, the EC's balance of payments for 1992 had ended in a deficit of 1 per cent, which was "no threat to the Community". He added: "Another glimmer of hope is the further reduction of inflation rates", now at an EC average of 4 per cent.

Set against growth prospects in America and Japan, the EC is struggling. The consequences of low growth on employment prospects in the EC were clear: "Unless we have 2.5 per cent growth, there will be no reductions in rates even in the medium-term perspective," he said. Unemployment could remain as high as 11 per cent in 1995.

Despite the gloomy report, Mr Christophersen maintained his prediction that a core group of countries would be ready for monetary union in 1997. He urged Britain to ratify the Maastricht treaty as soon as possible to give the union more credibility. Sterling's entry to ERM, he said, should not take place until the EMS was more stable.

ADRIAN BROOKS



"Unfortunate timing": David Shaw, right, and David Rough, L&G's investments chief

PSBR 'needs lower pound'

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE government is likely to have increasing difficulty financing the public sector borrowing requirement as the year progresses and will probably need to drive sterling low enough to lure international investors into the gilt-edged market, according to Legal & General. L&G is one of the ten largest British institutional investors, which will be so crucial to the government's gilts sales programme.

L&G estimates that the PSBR will be at least £50 billion in the coming fiscal year, well above the government's Autumn Statement projection of £44 billion. The company said the government would probably have little difficulty finding enough gilt investors in the first half of the year, with expectations of further interest rate cuts and lower inflation underpinning the market. Many savers who rely on interest income are seeking higher yields, so increased activity in the gilts market by individual investors is likely.

Difficulties, however, are likely to intensify in the second half of the year as inflation expectations worsen. According to L&G's asset allocation models, institutional investors are likely to switch from gilts into equities. L&G recommends that British fund managers should be overweight in equities and underweight in gilts in 1993 and 1994. David Shaw, L&G's director of bond and investment strategy, said: "The switch to equities couldn't happen at a more unfortunate time for the government."

He said the solution was either massive cuts in the PSBR or making sterling cheap enough to convince international investors that gilts were a bargain.

Defer tax rises, call by CBI chief

British business called on the government to defer any tax rises until the second Budget this year so that any any fragile economic recovery can be given the chance to grow.

Sir Michael Angus, president of the Confederation of British Industry, gave warning of the threat to economic recovery from any increases in taxation: "The last thing we want is to see early economic stirrings knocked on the head by the cudgel of taxation."

Speaking to the CBI's London region, Sir Michael said that rises in personal tax rates would set back consumer confidence at the very moment when it was at its most fragile, while any increase in corporate taxes would jeopardise the capital investment necessary for sustained economic growth in the 1990s.

The best way to reduce the public sector borrowing requirement was to return the economy to healthy growth, and the second-best method was to cut public spending.

Sir Michael acknowledged that tax increases might be necessary as the recovery proceeded. But he said: "The second budget of the year, when taxing and spending decisions come together for the first time, is the very earliest the Treasury should think about such a move."

McDonnell fall

Falling orders and declining profits has taken the debt rating of McDonnell Douglas, the aircraft maker, to within a point of junk bond levels. Downgrading $5 billion worth of McDonnell debt to BB2, Moody's Investors Services gave warning that without sizable new commercial orders, McDonnell may have to leave the business.

Laporte claim

Laporte, the chemicals maker, said it has received acceptances from holders of 66 per cent of Evode shares, which takes its control to 78.3 per cent of the ordinary share capital. Laporte hopes to declare its £130 million bid unconditional after an extraordinary meeting tomorrow.

Waste rise

Waste Management International made pre-tax profits of £143.7 million (£96.4 million) for the year to end-December. Net earnings for 1992 were 23.2p (17.9p). It has not yet paid a dividend.

UK and German chemical unions sign co-operation pact

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR



Edmonds: deal endorsed

MULTINATIONAL companies like Hoover, which has closed a plant in France in favour of its factory in Scotland, would be unable to play workforces off against each other under a ground-breaking deal between British and German trade unions that was signed yesterday, union leaders claimed.

Leaders of the AEEU engineering union are expected to face sharp criticism from French trade unions in Brussels today, over their agreeing to a working practices deal at Hoover's factory in Cambuslang, Glasgow, which has led to the closure of its plant at Dijon.

But John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, said yesterday that its agreement with IG Chemie, the German chemical union, was part of a process to ensure that such a move as Hoover's could not happen.

If any such moves were made in the chemical sector, Mr Edmonds and Hermann Rappe, IG Chemie president, said they would immediately work together to forestall it. The agreement between the two unions, which they claim is the first of its kind in Europe, was endorsed by a range of chemical employers, including ICI, UK Corrugated, the Chemical Industries Association and the cast stone and concrete industry.

John Smith, the Labour party leader, who attended the deal's signing in London, said it was a "historic and significant" move, and that increasing European co-operation at work was vital. Baron von Richtofen, the German ambassador in the UK, said the agreement was a "step forward in the implementation of the single European market".

Under the terms of the agreement, the two unions will exchange information on collective bargaining, with the eventual aim of joint bargaining with cross-European chemical companies.

The two unions will train officials and shop stewards jointly in a scheme partly funded by the EC's Force programme, which, under a deal reached this week, will provide 60,000 ecus in the first year, backed by the same amount in kind from the two unions. The training will include language teaching, with about 100 members from each union in the first year attending a three-week course, which is the first move of its kind by a UK trade union.

Given the close involvement by German unions in works councils, a practice being promoted by the EC to apply to countries across Europe, the GMB deal is likely to increase pressure on UK trade unions to temper their traditional suspicion of European-style works council arrangements.

ICA comes under fire on audits

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

THE Institute of Chartered Accountants has come under attack for being "economical" with information provided to the backbench select committee investigating the BCCI collapse.

Austin Mitchell, the Labour MP for Great Grimsby, accused the ICA of failing "to investigate the overall standards" of any accountancy firms criticised in Department of Trade and Industry inspectors' reports since 1971.

He said he and Prem Sikka, of the University of East London, had co-authored a paper on audit failures identified by the DTI. "We have not been able to find a single instance," he said, "where any of the partners from any of the firms listed have been debarred from practising."

Brian Harris, QC, head of professional conduct at the ICA, said Mr Mitchell's claims were "a long way from the truth". He added: "Wherever there are grounds for believing that a firm's performance in the audit area is poor, we will investigate."

Six in line for company of year award

BY MARTIN BARROW

SIX candidates have been shortlisted for the accolade of company of the year in the Coopers & Lybrand plc Awards, held in association with *The Times*.

Sidlaw Group, Huntleigh Technology, Halma, Seton Healthcare, Sherwood Group and Hicking Pentecost vie for the title last won by Medeva, the pharmaceuticals company.

Shortlists have also been drawn up for the awards of entrepreneur of the year and new company of the year.

Sidlaw, with interests in oil services, packaging and textiles, has grown organically and through acquisition despite the recession. Profits have grown from £6.7 million in the year to September 1990 to £10.5 million last year.

Huntleigh Technology, a healthcare group, reported taxable profits of £2.35 million in its last six-month period, exceeding total pre-tax profits for the last full financial year.

With 40 per cent of turnover coming from America, the company expects to benefit from the devaluation of sterling.

Halma's subsidiaries supply environmental control and fire detection products. Half of turnover is now generated outside Britain. Profits have held steady or increased, rising to £15.5 million before tax last year, compared with £14.1 million in 1990.

Seton Healthcare supplies healthcare and sports products. Pre-tax profits increased to £4.8 million from £3 million last year.

Sherwood Group, which supplies lingerie, swimwear and nightwear, has seen profits leap from £10.6 million before tax in 1990 to £18 million last year, with £20 million forecast for the current year.

Hicking Pentecost completes the shortlist. The industrial products and textiles group almost doubled pre-tax profits to £2.2 million last year, with net cash of £1.5 million held at the year-end.

The shortlist for the new company of the year includes four candidates: Dorling Kindersley, the publisher, whose shares were offered at 165p and have since risen to 286p; Forth Ports, whose shares rose from an issue price of 110p to 242p; Taunton Cider, up from 140p to 183p; and JD Wetherspoon, the London pub operator, up from 160p to 247p.

The nominees in the category of entrepreneur of the year are Ian Cater, chief executive of Seton Healthcare; Andrew Cohen, chief executive of Betterware; David Crossland, chairman of Airtours; and Richard Phillips, chairman of Benson Group, the specialist engineer.

Awards will be presented at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London, on March 11, when the guest speaker will be Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary.

COOPERS & LYBRAND PLC AWARDS

Good and bad news for jobs in Scotland

BY OUR CITY STAFF

THERE was mixed news for employment in Scotland yesterday, when two companies announced up to 400 new jobs but redundancy notices were issued to 256 staff at HarperCollins, the publisher.

Direct Line, the insurance-by-telephone arm of The Royal Bank of Scotland, unveiled plans to expand its operation in Glasgow, creating "at least" 200 new jobs by summer next year. Escom, the German computer manufacturer, which already has a factory in Ayrshire, announced plans for a UK headquarters and distribution centre at Irvine, creating up to 140 new jobs.

Allan Stewart, Scottish industry minister, said of the Escom investment: "It reflects well on this company's confidence in Scotland and the significant contribution of its still-growing workforce."

Escom, which makes personal computers, began its manufacturing operation at Prestwick last May, and plans to create up to 500 jobs there over the next three years. The Irvine operation will serve the 30 shops that it hopes to open throughout the UK within two years.

Direct Line, based in Croydon, south London, already employs 215 people in Glasgow out of its nationwide workforce of 1,350. Expansion plans include a move to new offices giving it four times as much space, creating at least 200 new jobs — and the possibility of further "substantial" job increases if its growth rate continues at the present level.

HarperCollins, based in Glasgow, issued redundancy notices to 256 staff out of a workforce of 1,300. It said yesterday it has been undergoing a full internal review since a significant profit setback last November.

The CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Managed Overdraft Rate Change

With effect from Monday, 1st February 1993

The Co-operative Bank Managed Overdraft Rates for small businesses will be as follows:

	% per month
Premium Rate	0.76
Standard Rate	0.84

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LEGAL NOTICES

ASHTON PRESS (PRINTING) LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Monday 15th February 1993 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Peter Lomas of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
DATED this 29th day of January 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D K DAVIES, DIRECTOR.

COMPANY NUMBER: 2620682
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
IN THE MATTER OF EUROSTYLE HOME IMPROVEMENTS LIMITED
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that David Nisbet of Halpern & Woolf & Partners, Insolvency Practitioners, Halpern House, 301-308, Euston Road, London, NW1 3SS was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on Wednesday 20th January 1993 by a Resolution passed by the members, and ratified by the Creditors.
Dated this 29th day of January 1993
D. Nisbet, Liquidator.

H & E Engineers Limited
Registered number: 3295538. Trading name: H & E Engineers Limited. Nature of business: Engineering. Trade classification: 27. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 20 January 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Raymond Hocking and George Albert Auger (office holder nos: 2322/03 and 1067/01) Address: Stoy Hayward 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

IN THE MATTER OF EVENT GROUP PLC and IN THE MATTER of THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Registered number: 1961885. Nature of business: Retail of textiles and clothing. Trade classifications: 17. Administration order made: 25 January 1993. Joint administrators: Raymond Hocking and Sara Elizabeth Dayman (office holder nos: 2322 and 6698).

NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO SEND CLAIMS
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
WOBURN WALK INVESTMENTS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above named company are required on or before the 5th day of March 1993 to send in writing their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to A R Stanway and N S Hill of COOPERS & LYBRAND, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AD, the joint liquidators of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said liquidators or by their solicitors, or persons, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED this 1st day of February 1993.
A R Stanway, Joint Liquidator.

NO. 0012093 OF 1992
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MR. REGISTRAR BUCKLEY
Wednesday 27th January 1993
IN THE MATTER OF CRAY ELECTRONICS HOLDINGS PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 27th January 1993 confirming the cancellation of an amount of £57,616,824 standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the above named company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 29th January 1993.
DATED this 4th day of February 1993.
HERBERT SMITH
Exchange House, Primrose Street, London EC2A 2HS.
Solicitors for the above named company

No 1 Sportswear Limited
In Administrative Receivership
Registered Number: 2090144
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA on 12 February 1993 at 10.30 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on 11 February 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and that claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
A P Supervisions
Joint Administrative Receiver

Melati Restaurant Limited
In Administrative Receivership
Registered number: 1,434,218. Trading name: Melati Restaurant Limited. Nature of business: Restaurateurs. Trade classification: 49. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 29th January 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bank of Scotland. Joint Administrative Receivers: V.C. Wright and B.R.A. Callaghan. Office holder nos: 6345 and 1582. Russell Square House 10-12 Russell Square London WC1B 5LR.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
MICRO EMBOSSING TECHNOLOGY LIMITED
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
Notice is hereby given that I, Dermot Brendan Coakley, Chartered Accountant, of Leach Bright & Partners, Langton Priory, Portsmouth Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5EH, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 29 January 1993.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me at the above address.
No further public notice or advertisement to prove debts will be given.
Date: 29 January 1993
D B Coakley, Liquidator.

CONTRACTS & TENDERS

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY
1.46 MW LOAD
Applications are invited for the supply of electricity to County Hall in Preston, Lancashire, Period of contract 1 April, 1993 - 31 March, 1994.
Further details of contract duration and load profile for this Central Administrative Office can be obtained on request in writing not later than 19 February 1993 from:
Energy Management Group, Department of Property Services, PO Box 26, County Hall, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 8RE.
Tenders to be returned by Monday 15 March, 1993.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
BLOOMSBURY SQUARE ESTATE (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above named company are required on or before the 5th day of March 1993 to send in writing their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to A R Stanway and G I Rankin of COOPERS & LYBRAND, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AD, the joint liquidators of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said liquidator, or by their solicitors, or persons, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED this 1st day of February 1993.
A R Stanway, Joint Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
S W J WATSON (BUILDERS) LIMITED
In Administrative Receivership
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of Creditors of the above company will be held at Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire on Wednesday 17 February 1993 at 10.00 a.m.
In order to be able to vote, details of your claim must be lodged at Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD no later than 12.00 noon on Tuesday 16 February 1993. In addition, a form of proxy must also be lodged prior to the meeting.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Creditors whose claims are partially secured should deduct the value of their security from their total claim and they will only be allowed to vote on the unsecured portion of their claim. Creditors should also note that the Administrative Receiver can call for any document or other evidence to be produced to substantiate creditors' claims.
DATED this 27th day of January 1993.
M W Young
and N J Hamilton-Smith
Joint Administrative Receivers

PUBLIC NOTICES

INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1982
Notice of Approval of Transfer of Business
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 51 (5)(a) of the above Act that the Secretary of State has approved a transfer of certain general business from Uni-Polaris Insurance Company Limited to Uni Storebrand Insurance (UK) Limited.
Department of Trade and Industry
London
30 December 1992

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
HEATH CONSTRUCTION (ST. ALBANS) LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 8th February 1993 at The Old Bakery, Lower Gower Road, Royston, Herts at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FCPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 28th day of January 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
C.H. WRIGHT, DIRECTOR.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BENTLEY, DANIEL BENTLEY otherwise DANNY BENTLEY late of 3 Selkirk House, Defoe Road, Stoke Newington, London N16 died in Hackney, London E9 on 4 February 1990
(Estate about £55,000)
COOPER, FREDA COOPER otherwise FREDA BARBARA MAY COOPER SPINSTER late of 77 Honeybrook Road, Balham, London SW12 died there on 17 October 1992
(Estate about £80,000)
FRIESNER otherwise FRASER otherwise DELAGE nee KNOWLES. DOROTHY FRIESNER otherwise DENYA FRIESNER otherwise DENYA FRASER otherwise DENYA DELAGE nee KNOWLES WIDOW late of MacDonald Nicholson Nursing Home, 10-12 Church Crescent, Willesden, London NW10 died there on 18 June 1992
(Estate about £68,000)
HURT otherwise MORGAN, DOROTHY EVELYN HURT otherwise DOROTHY EVELYN MORGAN SPINSTER late of Flat 27, William Olds Home, Lambourne Drive, Wollaton, Nottingham died at Nottingham on 17 January 1992
(Estate about £6,000)
L'HUILLIER, ALEXANDER ABEL L'HUILLIER late of Mayfield House, 10 Mayfield Road, Weybridge, Surrey died at Chertsey, Surrey on 12 January 1991
(Estate about £9,600)
REED, REGINALD REED late of Pinelow Hospital, Sarsen Street, Pinstow, London E15 died there on 28 December 1991
(Estate about £7,000)
SLANEY, DONOVAN FRANK SLANEY late of 2 Oldchurch Gardens, Dagenham Road, Romford, Essex died at Romford on 14 March 1992
(Estate about £18,000)
SIMMONDS nee RAYNER, RACHEL SIMMONDS nee RAYNER WIDOW late of Flat 4, 4 Fourth Avenue, Hove, East Sussex died at Brighton, East Sussex on 28 March 1988
(Estate about £10,250)
VINCENT nee SELL, GLADYS ETHEL VINCENT nee SELL WIDOW late of 23 Elizabeth Road, Kingston, Herefordshire died at Eardisley, Herefordshire died at Eardisley, Herefordshire on 30 July 1992
(Estate about £80,000)
WALKER nee FORDHAM, ALICE FLORENCE WALKER nee FORDHAM WIDOW late of 33 Richmond Hill Road, Calley, Cheadle, Cheshire died in Manchester on 2 April 1990
(Estate about £112,000)
WATTS, WILLIAM THOMAS WATTS late of 80 Vesey Close, Water Orton, Birmingham, West Midlands died there on 22 January 1992
(Estate about £85,000)
The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (R.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

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TO PLACE ALL YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS PLEASE CALL DEBRA GYNN
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Kalon to pay £20m for French paint group

By Philip Pangalos

KALON, the West Yorkshire paint-making group, is to buy Novo Holdings and Novodec, its principal trading subsidiary, France's leading manufacturer of private label paint, for Fr161 million (£20 million).

The deal will be partly funded through a vendor placing of about 12 million shares, at 117p per share, to raise £14 million. The placing, underwritten by Lazard Brothers, is understood to have been successful. The balance will come from Kalon's £12.3 million cash pile.

Novodec was set up by Windeck, a British paint company, and Galeries du Papier Peint, a French group, in 1975. Its majority shareholder is Graham Burke, who will retire and be replaced as chairman by Mike Hennessy, Kalon's managing director.

Novodec, based near Amiens, north-east France, has about 80 per cent by volume of the French own-label paint market and about 30 per cent of the French retail paint market.

Novo, which has two French paint factories and a small plant at Burnley, Lancashire, made pre-tax profits of Fr6.6 million in 1991, on sales of Fr234 million.

Kalon, which failed in its £85.7 million hostile takeover bid for Manders last year, accompanied the takeover news with forecasts of a 41 per cent advance in profits to at least £13 million before tax and exceptional items in 1992 (£9.2 million). Shareholders will receive a total dividend of 3.2p (2.2p). Kalon shares firmed 1½p to 123½p.

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STOCK MARKET

TSB Group shares rise on speculation over bid

SHARES of TSB Group rose 8p to 177p in heavy trading as talk circulated in the Square Mile that the high street bank will soon find itself on the receiving end of a bid.

By the close of business a total of 15 million shares had changed hands with the speculators talking of an offer of about 225p a share from either Lloyds Bank or France's Credit Lyonnais.

The Lloyds share price, up 6p at 560p, has been held back in recent weeks with the market convinced that the bank is ready to launch another takeover attempt after its failure to win control of Midland Bank last year.

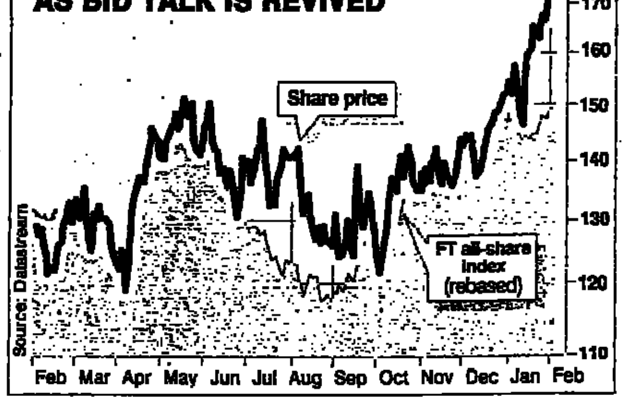
Some brokers were quick to dismiss talk of a bid for TSB, pointing out that most banks these days are strapped for the necessary cash to make such a bid. There is also a limit to anyone holding more than 15 per cent of TSB's shares. It would require an extraordinary meeting to lift the 15 per cent threshold, but the company says there are no plans to do so.

Another stumbling block for would-be suitors might be Hill Samuel, TSB's loss-making merchant banking arm. It is believed TSB has discussed its disposal with a number of banks, without success.

The level of institutional support for TSB shares does suggest that something is up. At least five parcels of 250,000 went through the City ticker along with one line of 310,000 shares and numerous parcels of 100,000 shares.

The rest of the banks were carried higher before next month's dividend reporting

TSB: SHARES TRADED HEAVILY AS BID TALK IS REVIVED



season with **Barclays** up 20p at 459p, **HSBC** 19p at 577p, **Abbey National** 6p to 379p, **National Westminster** 19p to 481p, **Royal Bank of Scotland** 4p to 249p, and **Standard Chartered** 7p at 647p.

Elsewhere, share prices surged to record highs in late trading, helped by a strong start on Wall Street and claims

day, 39.4 higher at a record 2,873.8. But trading conditions were described as thin with 851 million changing hands.

Institutional support carried GEC through the £3 level with a rise of 9p to 301p. The recent fall in interest rates has forced fund managers to take a fresh look at the group and

Booker, the catering and food distribution group, climbed 12p to 431p, after touching 439p, as Kleinwort Benson continued pushing the shares. Kleinwort has told clients that with interest *cover of 5.5 times, gearing of 80 per cent is not unduly worrying. It expects the shares to outperform when the* economic recovery gets underway.

emanating from the foreign exchange markets that France and Denmark were close to withdrawing from the exchange-rate mechanism.

An early rise of almost 40 points in the Dow Jones industrial average and a hefty premium on the futures market enabled the FT-SE 100 index to close at its best of the

its rating. Drug companies remain out of favour in America amid criticism from the Senate that some of them have pushed up prices above the rate of inflation. **ICI**, down 17p at £11.33, is reckoned to have been singled out for attack and **SmithKline Beecham** 'A' also fell 11p to 471p. But **Glaxo** has been given a

clean bill of health by the Americans with the price adding 9p at 664p, while **Wellcome** rose 13p to 869p.

British Airways climbed 6p to 295p, after reporting that scheduled passenger traffic rose 10.8 per cent in January on the corresponding period last year. The figure was boosted by a contribution from newly acquired Dan Air. If the Dan Air contribution had been stripped out, the rise would have been limited to 9.4 per cent.

Triplex Lloyd, the engineering and building products group, fell 3p to 170p after announcing plans to raise £17.3 million via a one-for-four rights issue at 140p. The proceeds will be used to help expand the group's core power and automotive and engineering divisions.

Kalon, the paint manufacturer, was steady at 122p. The group is expanding in Europe with the acquisition of Novodec, France's biggest manufacturer of own label paint. The acquisition is being funded by way of a £14 million a placing of shares. Kalon said the deal would generate significant cost savings and is forecasting 1992 pre-tax profits of £13 million against £9.2 million last time.

Doeflex, the *specialist chemicals group, soared 17p* to 241p in a thin market with one institutional investor trying unsuccessfully to pick up a parcel of 10,000 shares. Market-makers normally make a price in only 2,000 shares because of the thinness of the market.

MICHAEL CLARK

Overseas links aid merchant banks

By Patricia Tehan

CORPORATE finance fees in the UK and America have slumped and financial advisers are scavenging overseas for mergers and acquisitions business.

Privatisation business in Europe and Latin America is giving revenue for some firms, particularly BZW, NM Rothschild, Schroders, and Hambros Bank. But according to *Acquisitions Monthly*, the takeovers magazine, the biggest returns are likely to be long-term. Although mainland Europe is potentially another lucrative market, advisers have so far failed to establish themselves there, largely because of lack of action by their UK clients.

Philip Healey, AM's editor, said: "It seems as if the advantage could lay with banks which are UK-based but foreign-owned, such as Morgan Grenfell and Samuel Montagu, whose parents are Deutsche Bank and Honkong and Shanghai Bank." He predicted both will benefit from their overseas links, and said they "have already advised several non-UK acquirers across the Channel".

The magazine has published a league table of mergers and acquisitions players since January 1985, ranked by value of the bids.

Defending BAT Industries *against the hostile £13 billion bid from the Hoylake consortium* in 1989 helped SG Warburg top the list of advisers, with a total of £62.6 billion of business over the eight years. Morgan Grenfell, with deals worth £55.1 billion, came second, though it topped the list in terms of number of deals with 212. Warburg came second with 184.

WORLD MARKETS

Dow extends gains in early trading

New York — Wall Street shares extended gains in mid-morning activity as investors continued to be encouraged by the low interest rate environment and a strong secondary market.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 28.10 points at 3,356.77 in early trading. Advancing shares led falling shares by about eight to five.

Don Hays, director of investment strategy at Wheat First Securities, said: "I think the market is still responding to interest rates." The US Treasury long bond was up $^{2}/_{32}$ at $104^{20}/_{32}$ to yield 7.24 per cent.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended modestly firmer but off their highs after repeated news reports convinced investors that a rate cut will happen today. Brokers said the news was now largely digested and the market remained wary of the cut's actual effects on the economy and investment cash flows. The Nikkei average was up 35.72 points, or 0.21 per cent at 17,222.03, with an estimated 340 million shares traded.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Hopes of easier Bundesbank interest rates, linked to the start of third-round wage talks in Germany's public sector, supported the bourse. The Dax index reached a six-month closing high at 1,601.53, up 18.44 points. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	Feb 3 midday	Feb 2 close
AMP Inc	57	57
AMR Corp	62	62
Abbott Labs	26	26
Aetna Life	51	52
Ahmanson (HF)	20	19
Air Prod & Chem	44	44
Albertson's	50	49
Alcan Alumnm	18	19
Alco Standard	41	40
Allied Signal	61	59
Alum Co of Am	74	73
Amax	18	18
Amerada Hess	49	49
Amer Brands	37	37
Amer Cyanamid	51	51
Amer El Power	34	34
Amer Express	24	24
Amer Genl Corp	58	58
Amer Home Pr	62	61
Amer Intl	122	122
Amer Stores	43	43
Amer T & T	54	53
Ameritech	74	73
Amoco	53	53
Anheuser-Busch	59	58
Apple Computer	58	60
Archer Daniels	26	26
Arkla	7	7
Armco	7	7
Armstrong Wrld	33	32
Asarco	26	26
Ashland Oil	27	27
Atl Richfield	117	117
Auto Data Pro	53	52
Avery Dennison	26	26
Avon Products	59	58
Baker Hughes	20	20
Baltim Gas & El	24	24
Banc One	52	51
BankAmerica	53	53
Bank of NY	56	57
Bankers Tr NY	68	68
Barnett Banks	43	42
Bausch & Lomb	55	54
Baxter Intl	30	30
Becm Dickinson	79	79
Bell Atlantic	53	53
BellSouth	53	53
Black & Decker	17	17
Block (H&R)	39	38
Boeing	35	35
Boise Cascade	24	24
Borden Inc	27	26
Bristol Myrs Sq	57	58
Browning Ferris	28	27
Burlington Nthn	47	46
CBS	194	192
CNA Financial	98	97
CPC Intl	46	47
CSX	77	76
Campbell Soup	41	42
Can Pacific	12	12
Cptl Cities ABC	497	499
Cptl Holdings	79	77
Carolina Pwr	30	29
Caterpillar	57	56
Central & SW	30	30
Champion Intl	30	29
Chase Manhat	30	30
Chemical Bk	41	41
Chevron Corp	74	74
Chrysler	38	38
Chubb Corp	94	91
Cigna Corp	65	64
Citicorp	26	25
Clorox	45	45
Coastal Corp	24	24
Coca Cola	42	42
Colgate-Palmolive	59	58
Columbia Gas	20	19
Commnw Ed	25	25
Compaq Comp	51	51
Comp Ass Intl	25	24
Conagra	31	30
Cons Edison	34	34
Cons Nat Gas	46	46
Cons Rail	56	54
Cooper Inds	49	49
Corning Inc	36	35
Crown Cork	39	39
Dana Corp	47	47
Dayton Hudson	84	80
Deere	47	46
Delta Air Lines	52	51
Deluxe Corp	43	43
Detroit Edison	34	34
Digital Equip	43	43
Dillard Dept St	49	48
Disney (Walt)	47	46
Dominion Res	41	41
Donelley (RR)	28	28
Dover Corp	45	45
Dow Chemicals	54	54
Dow Jones	29	28
Dresser	18	18
Duke Power	37	36
Dun & Brdstreet	57	57
Du Pont	47	46
Eastman Kodak	49	48
Eaton Corp	76	77
Emerson Elec	54	54
Engelhard Corp	38	38
Enron Corp	51	52
Entergy Corp	35	35
Ethyl Corp	25	28
Exxon	62	62
FMC Corp	48	48
FPL Group	38	37
Federal Express	58	57
Fed Nat Mtge	81	82
First Chicago	43	42
First Interstate	50	50
First Union Rlty	10	10
Fleet Finl Grp	33	33
Fluor Corp	44	43
Ford Motor	47	47
GTE Corp	34	34
Gannett	54	54
Gap Inc Del	35	35
Gen Cinema	36	36
Gen Dynamics	115	114
Gen Electric	85	84
Gen Mills	67	67
Gen Motors	36	37
Gen Reinsurance	125	125
Gen Signal	65	65
Genuine Parts	36	36
Georgia Pac	62	60
Gillette	56	55
Glaxo ADR	15	18
Goodrich (BF)	47	49
Goodyear Tire	69	69
Grace (W&R)	36	38
Grt Atl Pac Tea	22	22
Great Wstn Fin	18	18
Halliburton	30	30
Heinz (HJ)	42	42
Hercules	66	65
Hershey Foods	50	50
Hewlett Packard	71	72
Hilton Hotels	50	48
Home Depot	66	66
Homestake	10	10
Honeywell	32	32
Household Intl	64	64
Houston Inds	47	47
Humana	20	20
ITT Corp	73	72
Illinois Tool	70	69
INCO	22	22
Ingersoll Rand	34	33
Inland Steel	23	27
Intel Corp	109	111
IBM	52	52
Intl Flav & Fr	110	108
Intl Paper	63	63
James River Va	16	17
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44	43
K Mart	23	23
Kellogg	64	63
Kerr-McGee	45	45
Kimberly-Clark	59	59
Knight-Ridder	62	62
Lilly (Eli)	55	55
Limited Inc	29	29
LIN Brdcstng	82	82
Lincoln Nat	73	72
Litton	49	47
Liz Claiborne	40	39
Lockheed Corp	59	57
Louisiana Pac	71	71
MCI Commun	40	41
Marriott	24	23
Marsh & McLnn	93	91
Martin Marietta	70	69
Masco Corp	33	32
May Dept St	76	73
Maytag Corp	15	15
McCaw Cellular	35	35
McDonalds	50	50
McDonnell D	55	56
McGraw Hill	63	62
Mead Corp	39	38
Medtronic	89	90
Mellon Bk	56	56
Melville Corp	52	52
Merck Inc	37	37
Merrill Lynch	67	67
Minnesota Mine	100	98
Mobil Corp	64	63
Monsanto	53	53
Morgan (JP)	60	60
Motorola Inc	54	54
Natl Medical	10	10
Natl Semi	11	11
Natl Service Ind	27	27
Navistar Int	2	3
NBD Bancorp	33	33
NY Times A	29	29
Newmont Mng	38	38
Niag Mohawk	20	20
Nike B	85	84
NL Industries	4	4
Nordstrom	41	41
Norfolk Sthrn	64	63
Nthn State Pwr	44	44
Norwest Corp	46	45
Nynex Corp	84	83
Occidental Pet	18	18
Ohio Edison	24	23
Oracle Systems	34	33
Oryx Energy Co	19	19
PNC Financial	31	30
PPG Industries	63	62
Paccar Inc	61	60
Pacificorp	20	20
Pac Enterprises	19	19
Pac Gas & Elect	33	33
Pac Telesis	45	45
Pall Corp	20	20
Panhandle East	19	19
Paramnt Comm	45	47
Parker Hannifin	33	33
Penney JC	76	77
Pennzoil	53	53
Pepsico	41	41
Pfizer	62	63
Phelps Dodge	50	50
Philadel Elec	28	28
Philip Morris	75	75
Phillips Pet	25	26
Pitney Bowes	41	41
Polaroid	28	29
Price Co	37	37
Primerica	50	55
Procter & Gmbl	53	53
Pub Serv E & G	32	32
Quaker Oats	66	66
Ralston Purina	49	49
Raychem Corp	39	39
Raytheon	53	53
Reebok Intl	36	36
Reynolds Metals	53	52
Roadway Svcs	70	70
Rockwell Intl	29	29
Rohm & Haas	59	55
Royal Dutch	82	81
Rubbermaid	32	31
Safeco Corp	63	63
St Paul's Cos	79	79
Salomon Inc	39	37
Santa Fe S Pac	14	14
Sara Lee Corp	25	25
Scecorp	46	45
Schering Plough	57	58
Schlumberger	58	59
Scott Paper	37	38
Seagram	26	25
Sears Roebuck	50	50
Shell Trans	50	50
Sherwin Wlms	32	31
Skyline Corp	22	22
Snap-On-Tools	32	32
Southern Co	39	39
Sthwestern Bell	71	71
Sprint Corp	27	27
Stanley Works	41	41
Sun Company	30	29
Suntrust	44	44
Supervalu	34	34
Syntex Corp	20	19
Sysco Corp	25	25
TRW Inc	55	53
Tandem Comp	13	13
Tandy Corp	27	27
Telecom Corp	3	3
Teledyne	20	19
Temple Inland	50	49
Tenneco	42	41
Texaco	60	60
Texas Instr	55	55
Texas Utilities	44	45
Textron	43	43
Time Warner	35	34
Times-Mirror	32	32
Timken	28	29
Torchmark	61	61
Toys R Us	39	38
Transamerica	49	49
Travelers Corp	29	29
Tribune	55	51
Tyco Labs	47	48
UAL Corp	125	125
UST Inc	32	32
USX Marathon	18	17
Unilever NV	105	105
Union Camp	45	45
Union Carbide	17	17
Union Pacific	60	60
Unisys Corp	12	12
USAIR Group	14	14
USF&G Corp	14	13
US Life	41	40
US West	39	39
United Tech	48	46
Unocal Corp	26	26
Upjohn	29	29
VF Corp	55	54
Wal-Mart Stores	66	66
Warner-Lambert	64	64
Waste Mgmnt Inc	39	38
Wells Fargo	93	95
Westinghouse El	13	13
Weyerhaeuser	42	42
Whirlpool	47	46
Whitman	14	14
Winn Dixie	75	75
Woolworth	30	29
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	30	30
Xerox	94	94

BRITISH FUNDS

PRICES at the longer end of the market lost some of their recent sparkle as investors remained on the sidelines, convinced that the Bank of England may choose to step-up the government's funding programme tomorrow by issuing more stock.

Prices opened higher but later ran out of steam, leaving the March series of the Long Gilt future two ticks lower, at £102$^{11}/_{16}$, as 37,000 contracts were completed.

In the cash market, the Bank was able to sell remaining supplies of the week's tranches of Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 and Treasury 10 per cent 2001.

Most of the attention was focused on the shorter end, where prices held up well, with Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 finishing six ticks better at £111$^{15}/_{16}$. In longs, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 was unchanged at £103.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
104	100	Treas 12¼% 1993	103	−	12.14	5.64
100	95	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	5.99	5.20
107	103	Treas 13¼% 1993	106	...	12.93	5.55
102	96	Treas 8¼% 1994	102	...	8.26	5.44
110	104	Treas 14½% 1994	109	..	13.28	5.54
110	103	Exch 13½% 1994	109	...	12.36	5.60
105	98	Treas 10% 1994	105	...	9.47	5.59
110	103	Exch 12¼% 1994	110	...	11.36	5.69
105	96	Treas 9% 1994	105	+	8.53	5.67
111	102	Treas 12% 1995	111	...	10.78	5.83
96	88	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	+	3.11	4.54
109	99	Exch 10¼% 1995	109	+	9.34	5.96
116	106	Treas 12¾% 1995	116	+	10.93	6.10
120	109	Treas 14% 1996	120	+	11.64	6.34
125	113	Treas 15¼% 1996	125	+	12.18	6.48
119	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	119	+	11.08	6.48
111	98	Conv 10% 1996	111	+	9.00	6.57
122	109	Treas 13¼% 1997	122	+	10.85	6.75
113	100	Exch 10½% 1997	113	+	9.28	6.68
108	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	107	−	8.11	6.68
131	117	Exch 15% 1997	131	+	11.39	6.96
111	97	Exch 9¾% 1998	111	+	8.72	6.86
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
102	98	Treas 7¼% 1998	102	+	7.14	6.70
100	89	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	+	6.74	6.69
137	123	Treas 15½% 1998	137	+	11.31	7.33
121	107	Exch 12% 1998	121	+	9.89	7.36
111	97	Treas 9½% 1999	111	+	8.56	7.17
123	109	Exch 12¼% 1999	122	+	9.97	7.50
116	101	Treas 10½% 1999	115	+	9.08	7.32
115	100	Conv 10¼% 1999	114	+	8.92	7.39
109	94	Conv 9% 2000	108	+	8.27	7.36
128	114	Treas 13% 2000	128	+	10.13	7.87
113	99	Treas 10% 2001	112	+	8.86	7.79
128	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	128	+	10.90	7.39
111	98	Treas 9¾% 2002	111	+	8.76	8.02
25	21	Treas 8% 2003	25	+	7.98	7.93
113	100	Treas 10% 2003	112	+	8.88	8.17
120	107	Treas 11½% 2001-04	119	+	9.61	8.12
70	59	Fund 3½% 1999-04	70	+	4.96	7.34
109	96	Conv 9½% 2004	108	+	8.75	8.32
109	96	Conv 9½% 2005	108	+	8.76	8.35
128	116	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127	+	9.80	8.52
97	85	Treas 8% 2002-06	97	−	8.23	8.35
122	110	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121	+	9.65	8.47
100	89	Treas 8½% 2007	100	−	8.49	8.46
135	123	Treas 13½% 2004-08	134	+	10.03	8.59
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
104	93	Treas 9% 2008	103	+	8.66	8.50
95	85	Treas 8% 2009	94	−	8.45	8.56
103	93	Conv 9% 2011	102	−	8.75	8.66
103	93	Treas 9% 2012	102	−	8.76	8.67
72	62	Treas 5½% 2008-12	72	−	7.64	8.42
92	81	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	91	−	8.45	8.56
130	118	Exch 12% 2013-17	128	−	9.31	6.89
101	91	Treas 8¾% 2017	99	−	8.94	8.76
		UNDATED				
45	39	Consols 4%	45	+	8.88	...
40	35	War Ln 3½%	39	+	8.83	...
63	59	Conv 3½%	61	+	5.66	...
29	24	Consols 2½%	29	−	8.51	...
29	24	Treas 2½%	28	+	8.77	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
137	123	Treas IL 2% 1994	133	+	...	0.94
197	176	Treas IL 2% 1996	197	+	1.59	2.31
108	100	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107	+	2.40	2.96
163	139	Treas IL 2½% 2001	163	−	2.94	3.28
159	135	Treas IL 2½% 2003	159	−	3.10	3.38
109	101	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	107	−	3.26	3.53
163	137	Treas IL 2% 2006	162	−	3.33	3.55
147	124	Treas IL 2½% 2009	147	−	3.50	3.70
152	129	Treas IL 2½% 2011	151	−	3.55	3.73
126	106	Treas IL 2½% 2013	124	−	3.60	3.76
133	112	Treas IL 2½% 2016	132	−	3.64	3.80
128	107	Treas IL 2½% 2020	127	...	3.69	3.82
106	88	Treas IL 2½% 2024	105	−	3.72	3.84
107	91	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	105	−	3.72	3.85

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:			
Barclays	459p (+20p)	Euro Disney	823p (+18p)
Brammer	263p (+16p)	British Aerospace	287p (+13p)
HSBC	577p (+19p)	ERF	231p (+26p)
Nat West	481p (+19p)	Euromoney Pub	978p (+20p)
Bass	604p (+14p)	Booker	433p (+12p)
Guinness	475p (+16p)	Antofagasta	750p (+27p)
Whitbread 'A'	467p (+11p)	Wm Baird	267p (+12p)
Granada	373p (+14p)	BTR	566p (+13p)
A McAlpine	134p (+15p)	Portsmouth Sund	614p (+24p)
Reuters	1427p (+23p)	THORN EMI	844p (+19p)
Takeda Chem	742p (+23p)	FALLS:	
Wellcome	869p (+16p)	SKF 'B'	637½p (-12½p)
Rank Org	720p (+12p)	Smithkline	471p (-11p)
Commercial Union	624p (+17p)	BOC	738p (-7p)
General Accident	606p (+18p)	Inchcape	575½p (-8½p)
Sun Alliance	346p (+16p)		

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RECENT ISSUES

Foreign & Col PEP Inv Tst 106	+1	
Intl Food Machinery (51)	63	...
Mauritius Fund (£10¼)	£10¼	...
OIS Intl Inspection (50)	66	...
Prime People Warrants	1½	...
Scottish Asian Warrants	240	+5

RIGHTS ISSUES

ASDA n/p (53)	8	−1¼
Burton n/p (60)	11½	−3
Property Trust p/p (25)	17	+1
Stakis n/p (32)	12½	+2
Wessex Water n/p (480)	86	+4

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	8,700	Coats Vly	1,900	Legal & Gn	454	Scot & New	1,000
Alld-Lyons	3,200	Cm Union	1,200	Lloyds Bk	3,900	Scot Power	4,600
Anglian W	2,300	Courtaulds	204	MB Cardn	1,000	Sears	5,700
Argyll Gp	3,300	De La Rue	602	Marks Spr	10,000	Svrn Trent	1,800
Arjo Wiggn	3,700	Eng China	3,300	NFC	1,300	Shell Trans	6,200
AB Foods	487	Enterpr Oil	2,300	NatWst Bk	7,200	Siebe	852
BAA	744	Fisons	2,400	Nat Power	2,700	SmKl Bch	6,900
BAT Inds	2,800	Forte	2,300	Nth Wst W	1,200	Smith Nph	2,600
BOC	1,000	GRE	5,100	Nthrn Fds	4,700	Smith (WH)	2,300
BP	18,000	GUS A	604	P & O	4,700	Sthrn Elec	853
BT	8,500	Gen Acc	1,700	Pearson	830	Std Chartd	2,800
BTR	4,600	Gen Elec	12,000	PowerGen	2,400	Sun Allnce	2,800
Bk of Scot	5,000	Glaxo	10,000	Prudential	4,400	TI Gp	1,000
Barclays	8,900	Granada	3,600	RTZ	2,800	TSB	15,000
Bass	2,900	Grand Met	6,300	Rank Org	2,500	Tate & Lyle	2,900
Blue Circle	3,600	Guinness	3,500	Reckitt Col	290	Tesco	7,300
Boots	2,100	HSBC	5,300	Redland	1,700	Thames W	883
Bowater	232	Hanson	14,000	Reed Intl	466	Thrn EMI	1,000
Brit Airwys	7,500	ICI	3,100	Rentokil	1,300	Tomkins	2,400
Brit Gas	6,800	Inchcape	2,200	Reuters	581	Unilever	1,400
Brit Steel	10,000	Kingfisher	1,300	Rothmans	2,700	Utd Bisc	2,100
Burmah Cast	352	Kwik Save	545	Ryl Ins	4,600	Vodafone	5,200
Cable Wire	2,500	LASMO	4,800	Ryl Bk Scot	7,300	Wellcome	2,800
Cadbury	2,800	Ladbroke	7,300	Sainsbury	1,800	Whitbd 'A'	1,600
Carlton Cm	1,300	Land Secs	1,700	Scot Hydro	793	Wllms Hld	1,500

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3364.33 (+35.66)
S&P Composite .... 445.38 (+2.83)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 17222.03 (+35.72)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 5710.80 (+48.27)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 96.8 (-1.2)

Sydney: AO .... 1530.2 (same)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1601.53 (+18.44)

FT 30 share: .... 2225.7 (+30.0)

Brussels:
General .... 5923.43 (-7.46)

Paris: CAC .... 478.01 (-0.76)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 466.7 (+1.8)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1396.35 (+17.39)
FT 500 .... 1532.24 (+15.84)
FT Gold Mines .... 81.1 (+1.2)
FT Fixed Interest .... 110.87 (+0.12)
FT Govt Secs .... 95.26 (-0.01)
Bargains 34785
SEAQ Volume 851.0m
USM (Datastrm) .... 129.04 (+0.35)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 25	February 12	May 6	May 17

Call options were taken out on 3/2/93: Arjo Wiggins, ASDA, Attwoods, Avesco, BTR Wts 93/94, Cullens, Enterprise Comp, Fairhaven, Govett, Greyhound, Holmes Prtcn, Leigh Int, ML Labs, Nat Hme Lns Prf, Norex, Pegasus, SW Wood, Tadpole, TIP Europe, TR Tech, Tullow, Wassall. **Put:** CSI. **Puts & Calls:** Haemocell, Lep Group.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 93	2839.0	2890.0	2836.0	2884.0	11980
Previous open interest: 55615	Jun 93	2853.0	2898.0	2853.0	2896.5	107
Three Month Sterling	Mar 93	94.29	94.33	94.21	94.30	25020
Previous open interest: 281624	Jun 93	94.71	94.76	94.65	94.74	14985
	Sep 93	94.76	94.83	94.71	94.80	5505
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 93	96.64	96.64	96.62	96.63	954
Previous open interest: 20898	Jun 93	96.40	96.40	96.38	96.38	340
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 93	92.09	92.14	92.06	92.13	42214
Previous open interest: 441745	Jun 93	92.96	93.00	92.94	92.99	34780
US Treasury Bond	Mar 93	107-03	107-03	107-03	107-03	3
Previous open interest: 807	Jun 93				105-29	0
Long Gilt	Mar 93	102-06	102-10	101-22	102-02	37826
Previous open interest: 65895	Jun 93	103-02	103-10	102-29	103-00	133
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	109.24	109.24	109.14	109.19	1584
	Jun 93	108.53	108.53	108.50	108.55	39
German Govmt Bond	Mar 93	93.26	93.38	93.19	93.36	37316
Previous open interest: 148315	Jun 93	93.30	93.38	93.24	93.39	552
Three month ECU	Mar 93	90.55	90.58	90.50	90.52	1429
Previous open interest: 13903	Jun 93	91.57	91.59	91.52	91.55	585
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 93	94.70	94.80	94.69	94.77	6919
Previous open interest: 41920	Jun 93	95.02	95.13	95.02	95.10	1965
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 93	95.80	96.10	95.76	95.83	11622
Previous open interest: 29567	Jun 93	95.60	95.88	95.60	95.63	10

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Lyon	550	45	58	67	11	24	32
(*565)	600	20	31	41	35	54	58
ASDA	57	9	13	15	4	7	9
(*61½)	67	4	8	9	8½	11½	14
Bass	550	62	75	87	8	20	25
(*604½)	600	29	45	58	27	40	47
Boots	460	46	55	63	7	17	22
(*501½)	500	20	30	42	23	35	38
Br Airways	280	24	33	37	11	21½	26
(*296)	300	14	22	28	21	34	37
BP	220	45	49	51	2½	5½	7
(*265)	240	27	34	37	5½	9½	14
	260	14	22	26	14	18	22
Br Steel	70	11½	15	17	4½	6½	9
(*79)	80	6	10	12½	9	12½	15
C & W	700	34	52	65	27	45	55
(*710½)	750	15	32	43	62	77	85
CU	600	28	44	52	25	35	45
(*623½)	650	8	24	31	60	67	75
Courtauld	550	39	52	61	17	30	37
(*568½)	600	15	29	38	45	60	64
GKN	460	27	35	45	22	29	35
(*472½)	500	8½	19	28	50	54	58
Grand Met	420	38	53	59	12	21	27
(*439½)	460	15	31	36	30	41	47
ICI	1100	53	76	85	57	75	100
(*1132½)	1150	33	50	63	89	104	125
	1200	18	35	46	127	142	160
Kingfishr	550	34	49	53	21	38	45
(*559)	600	12	25	33	52	68	73
Ladbroke	200	16	24	28	19	27	33
(*202½)	220	8	17	21	35	41	47
Land Sec	460	36	45	48	6½	16	22
(*493½)	500	14	20	26	25	43	45
M & S	300	37	42	47	4	8	10
(*333½)	330	15	21	30	13	20	24
Sainsbury	550	43	54	63	12	24	29
(*577½)	600	16	28	38	38	50	56
Shell	550	29	41	46	14	21	28
(*576½)	600	5½	17	23	47	52	57
Smkl Bch	460	30	47	53	17	26	52
(*470)	500	13	27	36	42	48	54
Storehse	200	18	26	34	8	16	18
(*204½)	220	11	17	22	21	25	28
Trafalgar	90	11	14	18	7½	9	13
(*93½)	100	6½	11	14	12	17	18
Unilever	1100	72	90	110	19	35	42
(*1149½)	1150	39	60	82	42	56	63
Utd Bisc	360	16	23	33	21	27	30
(*366)	390	5½	13	20	44	48	50

Series		Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
BAA	750	33	54	64	8	22	35
(*786½)	800	8	29	40	37	47	60
BAT Ind	950	37	53	67	12	42	52
(*982½)	1000	13	29	44	38	73	81
BTR	550	17	26	36	7	22	28
(*565½)	600	2	8	17	44	56	59
Br Aero	260	35	44	57	9	26	37
(*287)	280	23	36	48	17	38	50
Br Telcm	390	28	38	40	3	7	15
(*420½)	420	7	18½	25	11½	19	29
Cadbury	460	14	24	33	10	27	32
(*465½)	500	3	8½	18	41	54	59
Guinness	460	18	33	43	10	26	33
(*473½)	500	4½	17	27	35	50	56
GEC	280	22	29	33	2	6	11
(*301)	300	6	17	21	8	14	21
Hanson	240	22	25	28½	1½	4½	8½
(*262½)	260	6½	13	16½	5½	13	17
LASMO	160	8	16	22	9	18	23
(*161)	180	3	8½	15	24	33	36
Lucas	140	15	23	26	4	12	16
(*151)	160	4	13	17	14	24	28
P & O	550	22	40	52	15	40	52
(*564½)	600	5	20	33	47	72	82
Pilkngtn	90	13	18	23	2½	6	13
(*102½)	100	6	13	18	7	12	17
Prudential	300	22	28	32	3	11	16
(*321)	330	5	12	18	16	28	32
RTZ	650	34	50	60	8	28	37
(*672½)	700	14	27	39	35	58	67
Scot New	420	23	38	45	5	13	24
(*434½)	460	4½	17	24	26	35	48
Tesco	260	7	13	20	9½	19	22
(*257)	280	3	7½	12	25	32	35
Thames W	460	22	35	39	4	14	23
(*479)	500	3	15	19	29	33	48
Vodafone	360	43	55	61	2	9	16
(*398)	390	16	34	43	8½	21	28

FT-SE INDEX (*2672½)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Feb	153	125	85	45	21	8
Mar	154	147	104	72	48	25
Apr	172	135	112	83	67	46
May	188	152	120	93	88	53
Jun	213	—	158	—	92	—
Puts						
Feb	3	5	11	28	49	128
Mar	13	19	30	47	86	135
Apr	24	33	47	84	113	148
May	38	61	80	102	131	164
Jun	50	—	78	—	140	—

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	360	24	31	39	12	18	24
(*379)	390	8½	17	24	30	35	40
Amstrad	20	5½	6½	7½	1½	1½	2½
(*24)	25	2½	3½	4½	3½	4	4½
Barclays	420	40	48	55	13	24	33
(*458½)	460	17	28	35	35	44	54
Blue Circ	220	20	28	34	12	22	28
(*230½)	240	11	18	26	23	34	40
Br Gas	260	29	32	35	2	7½	10
(*287)	280	14	18	23	7	16	19
	300	5½	9½	15	19	28	31
Dixons	220	15	25	30	13	19	25
(*221)	240	8	17	21	26	31	38
Eurotnl	390	55	72	85	16	27	38
(*435)	420	35	50	68	30	40	50
Forte	180	15	20	25	10	19	24
(*186½)	200	7	13	17	21	32	36
Glaxo	650	40	60	75	31	41	53
(*664½)	700	17	38	54	60	75	82
	750	7	24	37	105	112	118
HSBC	550	43	55	70	17	34	46
(*576½)	600	18	32	48	44	60	70
Hillsdwn	140	17	22	24	6	15	20
(*147½)	160	6	12	16	18	27	31
Lonrho	70	9	13	16	5	8	11
(*75½)	80	4½	8½	11	11	13½	17
Reuter	1400	64	100	135	55	80	100
(*1426½)	1450	38	77	113	83	117	122
R-Royce	130	10½	15	19	10	14	18
(*134)	140	6	11	15½	16	20	24
Sears	100	3	12	14	5	8½	11
(*104)	110	4	7	9	10	14	16
Thrn Emi	800	48	74	80	14	24	44
(*843½)	850	22	44	52	37	47	73
TSB	160	18	23	27	5	8	13
(*176)	180	7	12	16	15	18	24
Vaal Reefs	30	6	6	6½	3	4	4½
(*34)	35	2	4	5½	5½	6	8
Wellcome	850	50	74	100	28	48	63
(*866½)	900	25	52	75	59	77	92
Series		**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**
Fisons	220	22	30	39	19	30	35
(*222)	240	14	22	31	31	43	48
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Eastrn Elc	400	18	32	-	6	15	-
(*411½)	430	5	-	-	24	-	-
Series		**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**
Natl Pwr	280	22	30	34	6	11	18
(*294½)	300	10	19	24	15	21	28
Scot Pwr	200	20	25	28	2	5	10½
(*216)	220	6	13	17	9	13½	22

February 3, 1993 Tot: 31257 Call: 21861 Put: 9396 FT-SE Call: 7946 Put: 4410
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Robusta coffee futures had largely recouped earlier losses by the close boosted by a resumption of this week's upward trend in New York. Weaker sterling and continued short covering saw wheat futures again push firmer to set new contract highs. Barley also found short covering pushed prices up during the day where prices traded throughout in narrow ranges. New crops pushed higher on light volume.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Mar	720-718	May	812 SLR
Mar	731-730	Jul	827 SLR
Jul	743-742	Sep	842-838
Sep	756-755	Dec	867-864
Dec	777-775		
Mar	798-796		Volume: 6575

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	946-945	Nov	948-943
May	944-943	Jan	960-950
Jul	929-928	Mar	unq
Sep	936-933		Volume: 4449

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Oct	189.0-87.0
Spot 172.0		Dec	196.0-92.0
Mar	182.0-80.4	Mar	197.0-93.0
May	190.0-88.4	May	198.0-97.0
Aug	190.0-88.0		Volume: 78

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	242.8-41.4
Spot 257.4		Dec	243.3-40.4
Mar	251.8-51.4	Mar	243.3-39.9
May	253.8-53.5	May	246.3-40.9
Aug	257.5-56.5		Volume: 917

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 3

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	81.61	93.96	120.49
(+/-)	-1.19	+0.55	+2.69
Eng/Wales:	81.61	94.35	120.33
(+/-)	-1.19	+0.91	+2.31
(%)	-5.6	+1.8	+18.4
Scotland:	n/a	92.67	121.32
(+/-)	n/a	-0.61	-4.36
(%)	n/a	-37.9	-14.4

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Feb	105.5	105.5	May	107.0	107.0
Mar	106.0	106.0			Volume: 5

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	143.95
May	145.65
Jun	146.65
Sep	112.25
Nov	114.20
	Volume: 368

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	138.00
May	139.25
Sep	110.30
Nov	113.30
Jan	116.15
	Volume: 109

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Feb	164.00
Apr	159.30
Jun	149.30
Aug	150.30
Oct	unq
	Volume: 100

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	50.0	49.7
May	59.0	58.8
Apr	unq	89.0
		Volume: 160

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Mar 70.25-69.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Oil prices remained in limbo ahead of the Opec meeting on *13th February.*

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.40	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Feb)	18.40	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Mar)	18.30	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	20.00	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	20.00	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	190 (n/c)	192 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	168 (-1)	169 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Mar	170 (n/c)	171 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Apr	171 (-1)	172 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	69 (n/c)	71 (-1)
Naphtha	181 (n/c)	182 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Feb	166.75-67.00	May	168.50-68.75
Mar	168.25-68.50	Jun	168.50-68.75
Apr	168.25 BID	Jul	170.25-70.75
			Vol: 25901

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	18.28-18.29	Jun	18.40 SLR
Apr	18.28-18.30	Jul	18.50 SLR
May	18.33-18.36		Vol: 25254

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Feb	190.50-91.00	May	199.00-202.0
Mar	190.00-93.50	Jun	198.00-202.0
Apr	198.00-200.0		Vol: 15

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 93	1280	1280	1279
Mar 93	1295	1290	1298
Apr 93	1296	1295	1295
Jul 93	1166	1160	1159

Vol: 160 lots Open int'st: 2712 Index 1274 -3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1549.0-1550.0	1570.5-1571.0	940425
Lead (£/tonne)	291.50-291.75	301.25-301.50	65050
Zinc Spec HI Gde ($/tonne)	1097.0-1097.5	1116.0-1116.5	337500
Tin ($/tonne)	5795.0-5800.0	5863.0-5865.0	12810
Aluminium HI Gde ($/tonne)	1192.0-1192.5	1214.5-1215.0	559500
Nickel ($/tonne)	5765.0-5775.0	5845.0-5850.0	43008

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 76.9 (day's range 76.5-77.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 3	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6454-2.6599	2.6543-2.6576	¼-½ds	1⅛-1⅜ds
Brussels	48.42-48.70	48.59-48.70	5-10ds	22-26ds
Copenhagen	9.0900-9.2180	9.1960-9.2180	6½-8¼ds	13½-16½ds
Dublin	0.9750-0.9830	0.9752-0.9827	81-133ds	186-263ds
Frankfurt	2.3519-2.3648	2.3604-2.3636	¼-½ds	1⅛-1⅜ds
Lisbon	211.71-214.48	213.60-214.48	117-127ds	368-401ds
Madrid	167.05-168.95	168.08-168.93	89-99ds	302-320ds
Milan	2188.00-2202.20	2193.40-2202.20	8-10ds	27-30ds
Montreal	1.8100-1.8235	1.8142-1.8163	0.12-0.05pr	0.12-0.10pr
New York	1.4275-1.4428	1.4336-1.4346	0.38-0.36pr	1.05-1.03pr
Oslo	10.0060-10.0500	10.0170-10.0390	1⅝-3⅛ds	7⅝-9⅝ds
Paris	7.9690-8.0060	7.9920-8.0060	3⅜-4ds	11⅛-12⅛ds
Stockholm	10.6900-10.8250	10.8020-10.8250	2½-4⅛ds	9¾-12⅛ds
Tokyo	177.75-179.27	178.05-178.25	½-⅜pr	1⅝-1⅛pr
Vienna	16.48-16.65	16.57-16.62	1⅞-2⅝ds	6⅞-8⅝ds
Zurich	2.1840-2.1917	2.1840-2.1871	¼-⅛pr	⅛-¼pr

Source: Extel — *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4281-1.4306
Australia dollar	2.1063-2.1094
Bahrain dinar	0.5385-0.5505
Brazil cruzeiro *	23399.7-23442.6
Cyprus pound	0.70-0.71
Finland marka	8.0545-8.1705
Greece drachma	313.25-320.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.0891-1.0983
India rupee	42.06-43.02
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4405-0.4505
Malaysia ringgit	3.7474-3.7530
Mexico peso	4.4-4.5
New Zealand dollar	2.7844-2.7919
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.352-5.478
Singapore dollar	2.3600-2.3632
S Africa rand (fin)	6.69-6.81
S Africa rand (com)	4.4426-4.4480
U A E dirham	5.2405-5.3645

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4703-1.4714
Austria	11.53-11.55
Belgium (Com)	33.84-33.90
Canada	1.2663-1.2668
Denmark	6.385-6.395
France	5.540-5.545
Germany	1.641-1.642
Hong Kong	7.733-7.734
Ireland	1.465-1.475
Italy	1520.0-1525.0
Japan	124.19-124.24
Malaysia	2.616-2.618
Netherlands	1.845-1.846
Norway	6.965-6.975
Portugal	148.65-148.85
Singapore	1.6475-1.6485
Spain	117.05-117.55
Sweden	7.47-7.48
Switzerland	1.525-1.526

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 7½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 6 Week fixed: 6⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth 5¾. Sell: 2 mth 5½; 3 mth: 5½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 6¼, close 6.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6⅛	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.08-3.05	n/a	3.14-3.11	3.29-3.26	3.61-3.58
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	6½-6	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 29, 1993 Agreed rates Feb 24, 1993 to Mar 23, 1993 Scheme I: 8.32%. Schemes II & III: 8.20%. Reference rate Jan 1, 1993 to Jan 29, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 7.0%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8-7½	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	12-11½	11-10½	16-12
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

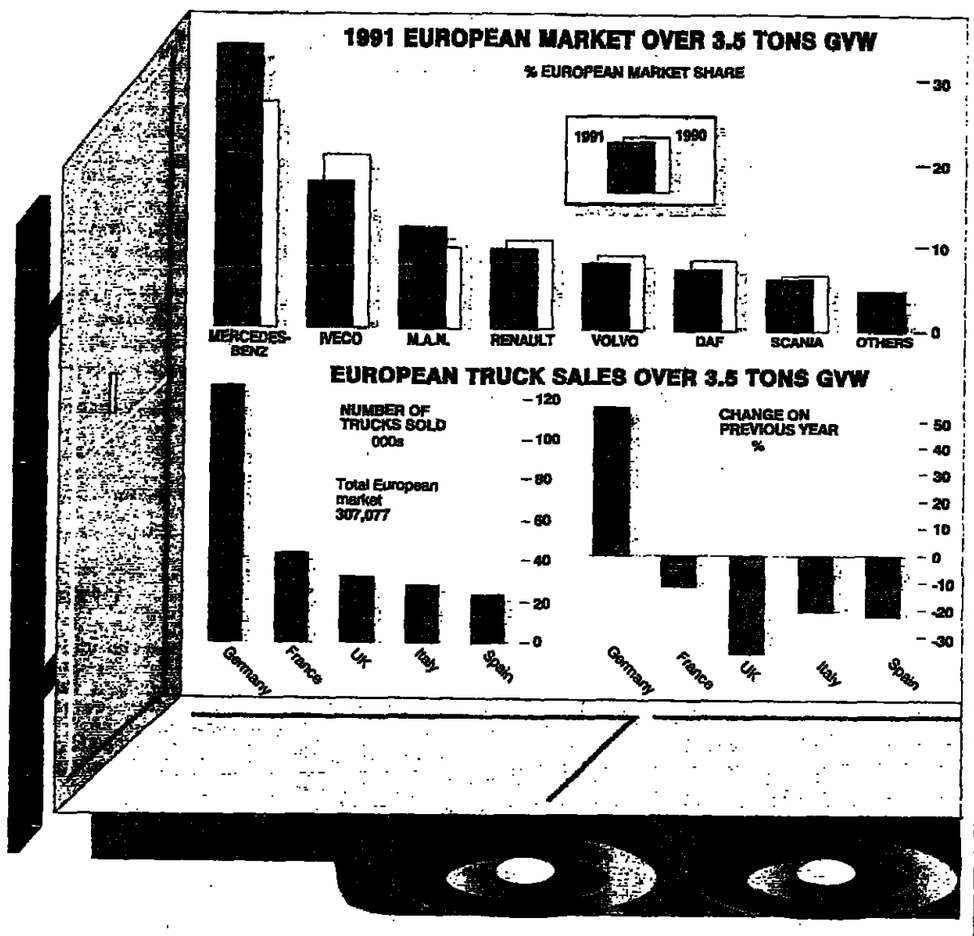
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Sovereigns: Old $78.00-81.00 (£53.00-55.00) New $78.00-81.00 (£53.00-55.00)
Platinum: $361.00 (£250.70) **Silver:** $3.68 (£2.565) **Palladium:** $112.60 (£78.20)

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Cycle of European economies drives DAF to dissolution

The plight of DAF could be seized on by Japanese manufacturers as a way into Europe's truck market, writes Ross Tieman



Will the wheels of Leyland DAF trucks be humming a new song on the tarmac of Europe's motorways: Nippon, Nippon, Nippon? Despite their conquest of consumer electronics markets and an increased share of car sales in Europe and America, Japanese industry continues to make a dire showing in lorry markets on both sides of the Atlantic.

Given that Isuzu, Hino (part of Toyota), Mitsubishi and Nissan are now ranked second, third, fourth and fifth in the world league table of truck makers, this situation seems a little odd. But it is costly for a newcomer to enter a developed lorry market unless he has a comprehensive dealer network running from day one.

DAF's plight, therefore, could offer a rare opportunity to non-European manufacturers to gain a foothold in one of the world's key markets, and challenge Mercedes-Benz, the world's undisputed lorry building champion. But will anyone have the courage, or indeed the money, to take up the challenge in such a difficult market. According to industry insiders, "there probably is not a lorry manufacturer in the world who is making a profit."

Lorry making has always been a cyclical business. From Leyland's roots in a village smithy almost 100 years ago to February 1987, when it was sold to DAF, the United Kingdom end of the business had experienced mixed fortunes. After the war, Leyland, which had made its name building heavy lorries, expanded beyond Lancashire, to take in Albion motors in Glasgow, Scammell Lorries, and subsequently the Rover and Triumph car companies. In 1968, it merged with British Motor Holdings, encompassing Austin, Morris, Riley and Wolseley cars to form British Leyland.

British Leyland was then the fifth-largest automotive group in the world, second only to Volkswagen in Europe. But it was an industrial disaster, dogged by unreliable, un-coordinated products, poor management and under-investment. By the early 1980s, rationalisation had helped create a state-of-the art lorry assembly plant in Leyland. In February 1987, after unsuccessful talks with General Motors and Paccar of America, the company was sold to DAF, of The Netherlands, together with the Freight Rover van operation in Birmingham.

The deal made sense for both parties. DAF, which specialised in heavy trucks, gained a range of vans, and light and medium trucks needed by its 1,300 dealers, who provided the British plants with their first Europe-wide representation. But the timing was awful. Several years were needed to integrate the two model ranges. Moreover, the company's van plant in Birmingham was badly outdated, and the product had a limited life. For two years, the market gave DAF the grace it needed, as strong growth in the European economies, and explosive growth in Britain, kept demand and prices strong. Then, disaster. Britain's economy fell into recession and DAF, still heavily over-reliant on the UK market, saw its profitability pole-axed. But for a couple of timely ministry of defence contracts, it might all have been over years ago. Sales of lorries over 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight in Europe peaked in 1989 at 321,166. Taking into account exports, the European industry probably had capacity to make about 340,000 vehicles. Since then, sales have fallen steadily, to about 307,077 in 1991, with a further modest fall estimated in 1992. Surplus capacity last year was probably about 20 per cent.

But as the tables show, the Continent-wide trend masks deep discrepancies. Britain's market went into an early and deep recession. In 1989, UK sales over 3.5 tonnes reached 69,234, making Britain a bigger market than Germany, at 66,544. Then the UK market slumped. For the last two years, sales have scarcely topped 32,000.

In Europe, too, most markets have been declining quite fast. But the re-unification of Germany created an unprecedented demand for lorries. According to Peter Schmidt, and analyst at Automotive Industry Data: "17 million Germans suddenly had fists filled with hard currency and wanted to buy everything they had seen on Western television for the past 30 years. There were trucks moving night and day to fill the shelves of East German shops." Mercedes-Benz and MAN, the two big German truck makers, were easily able to make up for export weakness. While they gained, the rest of Europe's truck industry incurred losses. But in the second half of last year, the dividends of peace began to dry up. In January 1992, German truck sales showed a 29 per cent rise, year on year. By November, they were down 30 per cent.

Worse is to come. The German truck fleet is now probably the newest in Europe. The introduction of the single market has broken down protectionist rules that forced many lorries to return to their depots empty. Europe now needs fewer, not more trucks. Only in Britain is the need to replace ageing vehicles beginning to cause a tiny upturn in sales. Across the Continent, surplus capacity this year will probably top 30 per cent.

It is against this background that the battle over the future of DAF and Leyland DAF will be fought. Politics will count for as much as economics. DAF's plight could severly test commitments to European ideals. Europe does not need DAF's manufacturing capacity. According to Mercedes-Benz, only three supra-national strategic alliances, each formed around a core company, are likely to survive to the end of the century. Volvo of Sweden and Renault of France have already linked. Ford and Fiat, through their joint company Iveco, seem likely to be another centre of strength. And the economies of scale at Mercedes are formidable.

But politicians cannot simply allow DAF to disappear, turning a world-wide workforce of 12,650 onto the streets, 5,500 of them in Britain. At least 10,000 jobs at supplier companies must depend on DAF in Britain. DAF's 8,080 truck sales in Britain last year made the company number one in the UK market, with a 25.8 per cent market share. UK sales were £600 million. But another 8,000 trucks were exported, and of the 20,000 vans made in Britain, 7,000 were sold abroad.

As he ponders the company's plight, Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary, cannot ignore Leyland DAF's £2 billion contribution to Britain's deficit-ridden balance of payments, nor its importance to the preservation of Britain's industrial infrastructure. From a European perspective, the demise of Leyland DAF would be welcome. But Britain needs the company's plants in production. It may be that the only way to achieve this is for DAF's plants and dealer network to become the platform for a Japanese assault on Europe's truck market.

Any sign of Japanese interest is likely to provoke intense political pressure, and, just possibly, counter offers, from the European truck makers, despite their straightened circumstances. If Japanese interest can be stirred, Leyland DAF's future, DAF's future even, may not be so very bleak.

TEMPUS

Sterling follows the trend

THE Treasury would like us to believe that the unexpected growth in M0 has been caused by investors who have become so disenchanted with the falling return on their deposit accounts that they are withdrawing the money and stuffing their mattresses instead. This is hardly plausible, particularly since the real growth in banknote circulation occurred at the start of January when most consumers are short of cash because of Christmas and the sales. More probably, M0 is being fuelled by the rise in the black economy as the hundreds of thousands of newly unemployed take cash-paying jobs to supplement their state benefits. This at least provides an excuse for a Treasury bent on further rate cuts to ignore this money figure.

Even the apparent two-way pull in the money supply figures did nothing to enhance credibility in the government's economic policies on a day when sterling stared into the abyss. The pound's 2.5 pfennig fall by 11 am suggested that it could slide all the way to the next resistance point at DM2.30.

The slide was halted by suggestions that the Bundesbank will try to patch the holes in the exchange-rate mechanism tomorrow. The rally could continue for a spell if the Bundesbank delivers the goods, even though a cut in the Lombard rate is hardly a sign of real monetary easing, since it trails behind the vital discount rate by 1.25 points.

Dealers are still saying "the trend is your friend". That trend is down while more rate cuts seem inevitable. The record stock market high emphasises the City's lack of faith in sterling: institutions are using it as an access to foreign currency earnings.

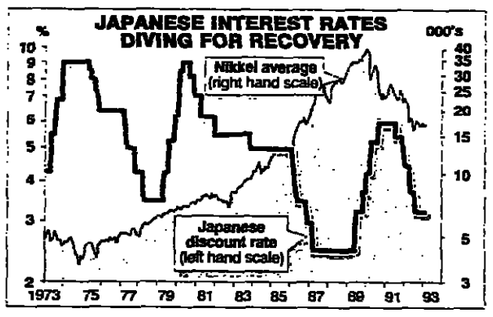
Japan

THE Bank of Japan's struggle to try to inject some life into the country's economy bears an eerie resemblance to the difficulties faced by Britain's Treasury. Today the BoJ is expected to cut the discount rate by 75 basis points to match the historic low of 2.5 per cent reached in 1987 during the worst of the country's asset inflation.

The Tokyo markets, however, were profoundly disinterested in yesterday's well-informed leaks about the cut. The Nikkei index rose a paltry 35 points, since the market has already discounted this reduction and is now waiting for the next move.

The cut will relieve some pressure from the banks and encourage a switch into equities but discount rates are now so low they cannot be cut much further. So the finance ministry and the BoJ must come up with some new economic stimulus to stem the asset deflation that is hurting Japanese households and sending retail spending into a tailspin.

The favoured solution in Tokyo is a one-off tax cut of at least Y3,000 billion (£16.5 billion). This would put an extra Y80,000 (£440) in the average worker's pocket in time for the winter bonus. While hardly a bonanza, it may be enough to tempt them back on to the high street and begin to restore corporate profits.



Grey markets

YESTERDAY'S trading in DAF shares seemed like casting lots over a corpse. Shareholders of companies in administration almost always wind up with nothing, yet there appears to be a healthy grey market in DAF shares.

Before potential investors become excited about hidden value, it is worth noting that the reason is mainly technical. Shareholders may need to crystalise losses for tax purposes or simply recover whatever is left of their investment. Market reports suggest there are several large investors trying to cover the substantial short positions in DAF they took a few months ago. These opposing factions have created a two-way market and given the shares a small residual value.

There may also be a few speculators who believe the shares are worth a gamble simply because the Dutch government will not let DAF sink without trace. But even if the government does stage an eleventh-hour rescue, DAF will be a drastically reduced company with an entirely new share structure likely to make the existing equity worthless anyway. Only the brave and foolish would put DAF on their buy list.

Kalon

THE acquisition of Novodec, a French paint manufacturer, should not be seen as like a consolation prize for Kalon after its failed bid for Manders last August. An overseas acquisition has been on Kalon's agenda for several years, although given sterling's precipitous plunge its timing may be questioned.

The British paint market is highly concentrated: the top three players — Dulux, Crown and Kalon — account for more than 75 per cent of sales. Growth will be hard to come by.

Novodec is in a similar position to that of Kalon five years ago, with a strong position in the retail sector, particularly in own-label, which takes only 14 per cent of the French retail market, compared with 35 per cent in Britain. If Kalon can replicate this success in France, then the £20 million will have been well spent. Even assuming no profit growth for Novodec in the coming year, the deal will enhance earnings by 4 per cent in 1993.

HK Land

The announcement expected from Hongkong Land today that it has exercised its option to buy another 5.2 per cent of Trafalgar House marks the fruition of one of the smartest stock market deals in recent times. The option cost Hongkong Land nothing, since the group simultaneously sold a put option that runs until May. The option has succeeded where the earlier tender offer failed and lifted Hongkong Land's stake to more than 20 per cent, which will allow the company to start equity-accounting its interest in Trafalgar.

The recent rise in Trafalgar's shares has already brought a book profit of more than £3 million on the option. The only drawback is that holders of the put option are now unlikely to sell their shares to Hongkong Land at more than 8p below the market price. The company's advisers will have to think up new wheezes to increase the holding to the magic 29.9 per cent level.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Chalky's back in action

EX-NOMURA men are popping up all over the City. Tony "Chalky" White, who resigned as Nomura's head of market making last December without another job to go to, resurfaced yesterday on the sales trading side at Société Générale. Emotionally drained after his five-year stint at Nomura, White, 44, is now in buoyant form. "The markets are booming in London today, so that must be a good sign," he says. Under Richard Moore, who continues as SocGen's head of market-making, White will run the sales trading side with Michael Hicks. White describes himself as a man with a low profile. "Unlike Mike Hicks, I lead a subdued life," he says of his friend of 20 years. Hicks, meanwhile is described as a "monk" by other colleagues. But Nomura, which made 49 employees redundant last October, is not about to be outdone in the hiring stakes. It has appointed Heino Rouland, 36, as its new head of German equities. Formerly head of equities for Baring Securities and managing director of its German bank in Frankfurt, Rouland had no dealings with the Japanese prior to his appointment and was worried about cultural differences. But after several meetings with the Japanese directors, he found he was enjoying himself. "I felt the meetings were very fruitful," he says. "I was forced by my wife to ensure that their commitment to Europe is 100 per cent, and they managed to convince me." Rouland will initially be based in London, and will commute weekly from his home in Frankfurt.



Own goal

LITTLEWOODS has put itself on the penalty spot. It was forced to send a correction notice to thousands of punters this week due to "a printing error". "The copy-match list which you received for competitions 28 to 31 (matches played 6, 13, 20 and 27 February 1993) was incorrect," it says. "The match number 24 appeared a second time instead of match number 25 on each team list. The team names were correct. We are enclosing a correct copy-match list. Please destroy the original list. Your entry coupons were printed correctly and are in accordance with the enclosed team list. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience and best wishes for your forecasting." A small error, but it must have cost Littlewoods a fortune in postage costs. A Littlewoods spokeswoman said that the mistake had resulted in letters to 150,000 people.

Euro-fan

GT MANAGEMENT, the international investment management group, has poached a Belgian academic to become its European portfolio manager. Serge Selfslagh, 36, joins GT from Schroder Investment Management, where he was chief European economist, a European equities analyst and a European fund manager. Before he joined Schroders in 1986, Selfslagh lectured in economics for five years at the Catholic University of Brussels. At GT, he will be responsible for for European investments. The position is a new one, but Selfslagh says it represents a reshuffling of responsibilities rather than a new strategy at GT. His new job will give him little time to indulge his passion for Flemish poetry and French literature. But fortunately he does enjoy the corporate culture at GT. "It is a very flat organisation in its structure, and very different from Schroders."

A PROMOTIONAL leaflet for the fourth annual motor industry law conference has caused considerable mirth in the trade. The conference, to be held on February 18 at the Royal Automobile Club in Pall Mall, features a special session called "Dealing with the Recession". Who should have been invited to give the lecture other than Adrian Watts, the legal advisor of Leyland DAF, which yesterday found itself visited by the severe figure of Arthur Andersen's John Talbot, its newly appointed receiver.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Lack of back-up risks sales abroad

From Mr Robert Neagus

Sir, I have for many years promoted British industry worldwide, and applaud our prime minister, Mr Major, for his sterling work in the Middle East, as reported in the press on January 30.

I have £500 million of potential orders from overseas sources for British industry. The overseas sales force of this country is not lacking in its ability or efforts to produce lucrative business. Where we fall down badly is in the financial support for such business, time and time again I come up against our European competitors, only to find that the government backing they receive is not attainable here. We are offering ECGD cover (now a Dutch company), for some countries, however, this is usually short term 60 to 90 day. When capital projects have a construction and delivery period in excess of 12 months, the system is of little value.

If I could offer a British government guarantee against default by the overseas government backing their project, as indeed our competing countries do, we could, without a doubt, bring prime international projects into the UK, that have up to now been taken by our international competitors. Financing such projects on the international market would not present the difficulties that currently exist.

The PLC's involved will then be in a position to ignite the fuse of our long overdue recovery. But please, do not blame us dedicated, hard-working, misunderstood international brigade. The problem is not that simple!

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT NEAGUS,
(Consultant),
9 Omega Maltings,
Ware, Hertfordshire.

Banks are losing customers' goodwill

From Mr P. W. Hart

Sir, We have just been informed by Barclays, our bank, that from February, the rate of interest for our borrowings will be raised from 2 per cent to 3½ per cent above base rate. The manager informs us it is head office policy and he has no discretion. Our security has not changed nor has its value.

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We wonder if the people who make these decisions realise they are destroying, probably for ever, what little goodwill they had left with their small business customers but perhaps they do not care.

Yours faithfully,
P. W. HART,
(Director) P.E.S. Planned Environmental Services Ltd.,
Wealden Barn,
Bethersden Road,
Smarden, Kent.

Poor profits harvest

From Mr Simon Wood

Sir, One assumes that Mr Curtis (Business Letters, February 2) should have cogitated on his straw and come up with the conclusion that he should buy shares in a discount house or gilt-edged market-maker. If not, why not? Maybe he has (privately and correctly) come to the conclusion that official guidance towards profit has never existed for either barley-baler or bill-broker.

Yours in hope,
SIMON WOOD,
20 Birchin Lane, EC3.

What becomes of the elderly who need their savings to live on?

From Mr Ronald Riggs

Sir, Joy bells may be ringing in the City over yet another cut in the basic interest rate.

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Yours faithfully,
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ACCOUNTANCY

Stoy Hayward pins its colours to the BSI mast

BY EDWARD FENNELL

THIS week's announcement by Stoy Hayward that its London office has achieved registration under the quality standard BS5750 marks another step in the firm's efforts to rebuild its fortunes. It also raises questions for other large accountancy firms about whether the quality kite mark is worth seeking at a time when clients are much more demanding of their auditors.

So far, only a few firms have achieved registration, and Stoys is the first leading firm to pin its colours to the BSI mast. But according to David Tinker, head of the practitioner bureau at the Institute of Chartered Accountants, interest is growing.

At least 35 firms have applied to the DTI for enterprise initiative grant status in connection with the scheme and the institute has sold 1,300 copies of *Profit from Quality*, its BS5750 guidelines. Mr Tinker said: "The momentum seems to be gathering pace and although it is not mandatory, the institute provides support and encouragement to firms."

The emphasis within BS5750 is on the processes by which organisations operate. The quality standard's origins lie in manufacturing and one criticism is that it is out of line with the needs of a service industry. Another is the cost of assessment and registration, which puts many off. Nonetheless, it has been widely discussed in professions such as the law and surveying and, in the absence of better measures, has won backing from several professional bodies.

For Stoy, the drive to achieve BS5750 has been part of a wider TQM initiative going back to 1984 when it organised its first seminar on the issue of clients' service. Since then, the emphasis within quality management has changed from a "top down" to a "bottom up" approach. One of the valuable features of the exercise from Stoy's viewpoint has been that it has encouraged staff to participate in drafting the documents that embody the firm's system.

Kevin Miller, the firm's quality partner, said: "To a large extent it has been a matter of formalising existing practices." Nonetheless, gaps emerged in administrative procedures and in how certain tasks should be undertaken. In the course of securing registration, these have been tightened, and it is Mr Miller's responsibility to ensure that procedures are regularly reviewed and updated.

Mr Miller said: "One of the most important benefits of BS5750 for a firm of accountants is to help generate a culture of responsiveness." As well as being disciplined about replying to letters and phone calls, BS5750 also requires, for example, the setting up of a formal complaints system. The impact of this could mean that partners no longer sit on complaints from clients but that the system is able to identify where things are going wrong at an early stage.

Mr Miller said: "Of course, we've had to institute some of these developments in a non-threatening way, but in many respects it underpins the culture of partnership which should be based on sharing difficulties, not concealing them." Other leading firms have yet to be convinced of the value of BS5750 for their accountants, although there are a number of instances of management consultancy practices gaining registration.

Peter Smith, the executive partner responsible for service delivery and quality at Coopers & Lybrand, claims his firm's own quality procedures provide a better definition of what is appropriate for accountancy clients. "We are neither for nor against BS5750, but being process focused doesn't necessarily do anything for quality."

STEPHEN MARKESON



Standard bearer: Kevin Miller, of Stoy Hayward

Nudging corporate bullies to pay up

THERE is a terrible trepidation in the ways that government departments seek to change or influence corporate behaviour. Take the case of tyrannical large companies squeezing smaller firms out of business by taking ages to pay their bills. In last year's Budget, it was announced that "the government will require large companies to state in their annual report and accounts how quickly they pay".

Now, almost a year later, we have a consultative document on the subject with a deadline for comments of March 26. But does it take a strong line? It does not. It does offer a "preferred option", but like so much in the government's dealings with large companies, it also prefers to tiptoe into the difficulties.

Baroness Denton, the small firms minister, said: "Late payment is a reflection of business culture which is intangible and notoriously resistant to change." No one would argue with that. Indeed, most people would expect the next move to be the introduction of a bombshell or two followed by spectacular fines and/or a few highly publicised examples of this disgraceful aspect of corporate culture. Not so. Her next sentence showed how tough one is likely to get with the corporate bullies. "The government", she said, "is using its influence to nudge a culture change in the right direction." Anyone who believes that by giving them a nudge you will change the habits of a lifetime is unlikely to achieve their goal. And who is to police the effects of the nudge? The auditors. The government wants firms to produce a calculation showing the ratio of trade creditors to purchases, using the figures they are already likely to produce. It wants the auditors to take a tough line in ensuring the figure is a fair one. But it also introduces so many areas of doubt that, as one commentator put it, "large companies will just ride this one out".

The idea is that, as companies already produce data on trade creditors, they should "disclose the ratio of trade creditors at the end of the financial year to average purchases during the year". On the other hand, there is no precise definition of trade creditors under company law, and the government does not intend to come up with one. However, it is proposed that large firms be required to disclose in the notes to the accounts whether the number of days to pay shown include time taken to pay for overhead (rent, utilities, etc), capital expenditure and VAT". It would then be up to the auditors to agree whether "the figure given for time taken to pay was accurate". The profession could be excused for letting out a collective groan.

The consultative paper suggests that auditors should ensure that the figures are comparable year on year. And should they notice "a general material difference in the time taken to pay as calculated by the company then they should continue to follow normal audit practice". The cynical would argue that a blind eye would be employed at this point, but that is not what the government wants. "It is likely," it says, that the auditors "would seek to persuade the company to change the figure to be published". In a corporate utopia, this would be fine. The thinking in the audit world is that the auditors' section of the report and accounts should be extended and become more discursive. It would be logical for a section on the speed, efficiency and fairness of the company's payment system to be part of that. But it requires a much larger stick to be hammered on a few heads to achieve it. You can almost hear the larger companies starting to moan that the figures are, for individual and specialist reasons, almost impossible to produce, and because of the methods employed, almost meaningless should they be produced. Auditors will be searching for a clause which states that any further addition to their onerous duties can be justified only by a stiffer charge payable by society for its safeguards. In other words, if you only nudge the corporate sector all you get in return is a stylised response that ensures whatever measures are introduced will not produce the answers which the original problem required.



AUDIT

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In the end, it is down to how much power the government department involved can wield. The same dance is happening over the small audit. The DTI is likely to announce soon that the statutory audit will no longer be required for firms with a turnover of less than the VAT threshold. The DTI would undoubtedly like to extend the freedom from that audit to other small firms, but it is being stopped by the Revenue. The argument is not about bringing sense to the corporate sector. It is about departmental squabbles within the government.

The author is the Associate Editor of Accountancy Age

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Waiting for the taste of success

THE Welsh may be ready to corner the market for premium ice cream — with a little help from Stephen Hughes, head of corporate finance at Coopers & Lybrand in Cardiff. Hughes spent the last half of 1992 helping Sayers, a local ice cream company, buy itself out from Northern Foods. He says the days when ice cream was a summer treat sold at corner shops are long gone. "Now it's sold all-year round by the big retailers." Sayers hopes to persuade Sainsbury and other leading food groups to stock its products in their Welsh branches. Meanwhile, Hughes is still waiting for his share of the spoils. "I'm still waiting for them to give me some," he says. Sayers was a family company until it sold out to Grand Metropolitan in 1988, and passed into the hands of Northern Foods via the sale of Express Dairies. Now, it is back in the fold. Brian Gregory, who led a management buy-in, is married to the founder's daughter.

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High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
399	245½	Abbey Ntl	379	+6	10.5	3.7	13.1
205	154	Allied Irish	196	-4	...	6.1	11.2
197½	106	Aus New Z	141	+3½	...	6.4	...
3675	1906¼	Bankamerica	3675	+25	...	...	...
205	141	Bk of Ireland	198	-3	...	6.4	30.0
345	320	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	16.0	7.5	...
136	97	Bank Scotland	131	-1	4.3	4.4	20.6
459	274	Barclays	459	+20	21.1	6.1	...
6	1½	Benchmark	2½	...	...	...	...
204	28	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
21	10	Carlisle	19½	...	...	...	...
439	295	Cater Allen	439	+4	26.0	7.9	...
102	61	Cattles	101	...	3.8	5.0	14.8
2100	912½	Chase Manh	2100	+50	...	...	...
1800	537½	Citicorp	1800	+37½	...	...	...
290	205	Close Bros	288	...	9.5	4.4	12.8
£108	8687½	Commerzbk	£108	...	...	3.7	...
£281	£214	Deutsche Bk	£276½	+450	...	2.1	...
92	13	First Nat Fin	90	...	...	...	...
1104	493	Fuji Bank Y	1003	+42	...	0.4	61.4
420	230	Gerrard Nat	420	+10	21.0	6.7	...
578	236	HSBC	577	+19	...	3.4	23.7
577	313	HSBC HK	555½	+17	...	3.5	22.8
292	202	Hambros	291	...	13.8	6.3	12.9
355	308	Joseph (L)	353	...	15.8	6.0	...
117	54	King Shaxson	117	+1	5.0	5.7	...
362	212	Kleinwort Ben	362	+6	16.0	5.9	31.7
573	346	Lloyds	560	+6	16.7	4.0	19.0
77	40	Lon Scot Bk	75½	...	3.0	5.3	-
356	258	Nat Aust Bk	356	+9	...	5.7	12.4
483	251	Nat West	481	+19	17.5	4.9	66.5
747	418	Provident	743	+2	25.0	4.5	17.0
45	25	Rea Bros	45	...	0.5	1.5	...
251	137	Ryl Bk Scot	249	+4	8.8	4.7	...
1485	1043	Schroders	1485	...	18.0	1.6	17.3
672	364	Stand Chart	647	+7	20.0	4.1	16.7
178½	115	TSB	177	+8	6.4	4.9	-
300	38	Union Disc	107	...	13.5	...	...
615	403	Warburg SG	610	-5	18.0	3.9	18.1
213	137	-do- 6% 'A'	213	+1	...	3.8	...
6650½	3087½	Wells Fargo	6650½	+93½	...	1.6	...
183	99	Westpac	141	+2	...	5.7	-
253	188	Wintrust	198	...	9.3	6.4	7.5

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
712	526	Allied-Lyons	585	+6	20.0	4.6	13.6
656	472	Bass	604	+14	18.9	4.2	13.1
205	146	Boddington	195	+1	6.6	4.5	12.4
400	243	Bulmer (HP)	364	...	9.0	3.3	16.8
159	111	Burtonwd Brw	152	...	4.4	3.9	11.1
291	194	Devenish (JA)	275	...	7.8	3.8	-
107	68	Eldridge P 'A'	92	-2	...	4.7	24.3
84½	47	Fosters Brewing	62	...	...	2.2	-
440	340	Fullr Sm 'A'	353	...	...	2.5	14.8
518	360	Grand Met	440	+5	12.3	3.7	14.5
424½	283	Greenalls Grp	409	+2	11.7	3.8	13.5
530	405	Greene King	527	...	11.6	2.9	13.7
644	450	Guinness	475	+18	10.8	3.0	13.6
346	245	Hardy Hansn	277	...	7.9	3.8	15.4
145	113	Heavitree	113	...	3.0	3.6	15.7
105	78	-do- 'A' LV	78	...	...	5.2	10.9
305	191	Highland Distl	262	...	6.0	3.1	17.4
48	21	Hoskins Brew	42	+1	...	...	30.2
335	250	Invrgordn Dist	259	+7	6.5	3.3	14.6
220	151	Macallan-Glen	169	...	0.7	0.6	34.1
630	380	Macdn Martn 'A'	418	...	8.8	2.8	13.1
720	515	Mansfield	681	-1	13.6	2.7	14.6
269	166	Minton Thmp	236	...	4.9	2.8	13.8
477	394	Matthew Clark	425	...	15.7	4.9	12.7
351	195	Mrrydwn W	299	...	...	2.8	21.6
493	320	Morland	488	...	8.4	2.3	19.5
10½	5½	Paramount	8½	...	...	2.1	15.1
1020	665	SA Breweries	880	-13	...	3.2	-
492	380	Scot & New	434	...	16.1	4.9	11.8
200	145	Taunton Cider	183	...	...	3.5	17.1
241	148	Vaux Group	236	-2	9.3	5.2	16.4
249	165	Wetherspoon JD	247	-1	...	2.6	20.0
499	347	Whitbread 'A'	467	+11	16.9	4.8	13.1
1436	1090	-do- 'B'	1100	...	16.9	2.1	31.0
660	510	Wolvrhmptn D	589	+6	11.4	2.6	16.6
545	453	Young 'A'	513	...	14.5	3.8	22.4

BUILDING, ROADS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
95	60	Abbey	95	...	...	1.5	32.4
26	9	Albrighton	14	...	...	...	...
128	54	Allen	101	+6	...	6.6	10.8
182	53	Amec	77	+3	10.2	...	7.1
27	2½	Anglia Sec	8	...	...	...	...
192	85	Ashtead	177	...	4.1	3.1	23.8
151	100	Attwoods	133	+1	5.0	5.0	19.2
214	123	BPB Ind	214	+10	11.2	...	54.4
102	50	Baggeridge Brk	78	...	3.1	5.3	26.2
31	15	Bailey (Ben) Con	29	...	0.5	2.5	...
118	66	Barcon	95	...	1.2	1.8	17.2
130	34	Barratt Devs	129	...	2.0	2.1	14.4
361	193	Bellway	360	+4	11.5	4.3	19.9
30	14	Bellwinch	27	...	...	...	...
355	186	Berkeley Gp	350	+1	5.0	1.9	23.2
100	45	Bett Bros	45	...	...	...	1.8
89	27	Blockleys	39	-1	3.3	...	38.8
284½	121	Blue Circle	231	+3	11.2	6.5	23.1
245	140½	Boot (Henry)	245	...	...	2.9	13.4
108	62	Breedon PLC	103	...	4.6	6.0	19.9
132	66	Br Dredging	91	+1	7.4	10.8	11.8
180	42	Brit Fittings	66	...	5.3	...	...
116	60	Bryant	111	+2	4.8	5.8	21.9
80	38	CALA	60	-3	2.3	5.1	...
249	187	CRH	223	-5	...	4.2	11.8
48	14	Cakebread Rby	43	...	...	...	...
32	18½	Costain	24	...	4.7	...	...
143	51	Countryside	118	+2	4.1	4.8	30.5
66	23	Crest Nicholson	56	+1½	0.0	...	...
58	14	Cussins	30	...	...	...	...
6	¼	Dunton	3	...	...	...	...
45	12	Edmond Hldgs	19	+1½	1.8	...	7.8
211	132	Epwin	181	...	...	4.9	14.9
54	23	Erith	35	...	2.0	...	...
287	220	Eve Group	265	...	...	4.9	9.5
88	25	Evered Bardon	46	...	5.6	...	24.8
19	3	Explorer	5	...	...	...	...
135	68	Freeman Gp	98	...	...	...	...
79	40	Galliford	48	...	4.3	11.9	19.3
98	75	Gibbs & Dandy	78	...	...	...	...
925	578	Gleeson (MJ)	705	-5	12.7	2.4	10.5
114	67	Hewden-Stuart	97	-½	3.1	4.3	20.2
63	28	Hewetson	39	...	2.6	...	37.3
28	15	Hey & Croft	16	...	...	...	...
388	128	Heywd Wim	203	-2	12.5	8.2	18.7
106	29	Higgs & Hill	65	-1	9.0	...	9.9
39	23	How Gp	31	+1	2.5	...	10.7
20	10	Howard Hldgs	19	...	0.5	3.5	...
96	36	Ibstock Johnsen	47	...	6.0	...	...
43	14½	Jarvis	15½	...	0.5	...	...
240	109	Laing (J)	205	+1	9.0	5.9	10.6
35	7½	Lilley	7½	...	2.0	...	2.4
122	77	Ln Clydesdale	78	...	4.5	7.7	29.4
26	4½	Lovell (YJ)	14½	...	...	...	6.6
295	180	Manders	276	...	7.0	3.4	19.2
148	57	Marley	101	+1	4.2	5.5	25.5
97	47	Marshalls	64	...	...	10.4	21.4
155	101	Maunders (J)	123	...	4.9	5.4	11.3
219	76	McAlpine (A)	134	+15	10.3	...	9.3

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
75	19	McCarthy & S	25	...	0.5	6.1	...
433	181	Meyer Int	328	+19	16.5	6.7	33.8
14	4	Miskin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
171	52	Mowlem (J)	76	-1	10.5	...	...
78	18	NSM	74	-4	...	...	...
165	90	Newman Tnks	116	+3	...	9.2	-
327	146	Persimmon	244	+8	8.6	4.7	20.1
36	19	Phoenix Timber	25	...	...	...	...
1625	1150	Pochins	1475	...	28.0	2.7	8.9
155	66	Prowting	86	+1	3.4	5.3	...
23	3½	Quiligotti	5	...	...	...	...
669	383	RMC Gp	580	-3	20.0	4.6	21.6
137	67	Raine Ind	106	-1	6.0	7.5	17.7
96	23	Ramus	30	...	...	...	...
565	300	Redland	457	+4	25.0	7.3	28.4
101	61	Rostel	72	...	4.3	8.0	9.6
248	152	Rugby Group	230	+7	6.4	3.7	17.3
48	25	Svrdlid-Rvt	33	...	...	...	5.0
98	50	Sharpe & Fisher	75	...	4.0	7.1	...
135	70	Sheffield Insl	135	...	5.4	5.3	34.9
85	53	Sheriff Hldgs	85	...	...	3.1	12.7
85	53	Shorco	80	+12	...	8.7	12.3
222	188	Smart (J)	225	+3	8.5	5.0	10.2
15	4½	Starrain	4½	-½	0.3	8.9	5.4
161	51	Tarmac	116	+3	5.5	6.3	48.0
236	129	Tay Homes	187	+3	5.8	4.2	10.3
143	34	Taylor Woodrw	76	+1½	9.5	...	10.7
688	398	Tilbury Dougls	525	+10	33.0	8.4	17.3
48	18	Torex Hire	22	...	...	2.4	...
228	105	Travis Perkins	179	...	8.0	6.0	25.3
58	20	Try Group	31	...	6.0	...	4.2
38	28	Tudor	28	...	...	...	...
106	45	Vibroplant	60	...	3.6	8.0	11.0
55	12	Ward Hldgs	30	+2	0.5	...	...
43	23	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	265	Watts Blake	450	...	9.3	2.8	23.4
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129	46	Westbury	115	+3	...	5.6	...
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22	2	Wiggins	5	...	...	...	...
481	215	Wilson Bowdn	396	+2	8.7	2.9	20.3
221	96	Wilson (C)	170	+6	3.9	3.1	22.0
189	65	Wimpey G	138	+2	...	5.1	53.0
81	26	YRM	27	...	4.0	...	3.1

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
533	343	ADT	490	-3	...	...	-
248	193	Adam & Harvey	218	...	11.0	6.7	3.4
127	53	Air London	73	...	...	6.4	9.0
63	34	African Lakes	37	...	2.0	7.2	7.4
152	81	Auto Sec	137	...	4.9	4.8	11.1
208	80	BET Ord	105	+2	...	8.3	15.4
100	41	BNB Res	75	+7	4.9	8.7	8.8
318	208	BPP	318	...	6.9	2.9	18.0
285	176	Barbour Index	270	-1	7.2	3.6	20.0
30½	13	Bousted	16	...	0.7	5.8	32.7
211	111	Brit Data Mgt	211	...	...	2.5	17.6
14	9	Broadcastle	12	...	...	...	...
101	58	Brooks Service	58	...	4.0	...	18.5
142	72	CRT Gp	87	-2	2.4	3.7	9.9
437	262	Capita Group	434	...	5.4	1.7	24.9
36	19	Cashet Plc	34½	...	0.5	1.9	13.1
270	25½	Chiltern Capital	50	...	...	...	...
39	22	Christie	28	...	...	...	...
259	180	Chubb Sec	258	+3	...	1.4	28.5
43	18	Comaca	25	...	...	...	...
31	5½	Corp Services	9½	...	...	...	...
123	48	Dart	69	...	3.3	6.4	7.8
216	145	Davis Service	203	+1	7.9	5.2	15.4
115	85	EW Facts	100	...	...	5.7	7.4
57	8	Gardiner	13½	-½	1.3	12.8	4.2
49	21	Gardiner (DC)	29	...	...	...	...
246	163	Hays	240	...	4.6	2.6	23.6
251	167½	Hogg Robinson	215	...	6.3	3.9	16.1
143½	43	Holmes Protectn	65	...	...	...	...
147	98	Hunch Wmp	146	+4	...	...	15.7
£108½	6637½	ISS B DKr	£108½	+50	...	1.0	15.3
585	375	Inchcape	575½	-8½	12.5	2.9	24.5
767	561	Johnson Clean	767	+4	23.7	4.5	16.0
18½	2½	Lep	10½	-½	...	...	...
344	168	Mitie Gp	239	+1	2.7	1.5	19.6
992	682	Manpower	904	...	...	...	...
44	32½	Michael Page	43	...	1.8	5.6	12.0
250	88	Pennas	250	...	...	1.1	63.3
5½	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
300	68	Proudfoot Alex	116	+2	19.5	22.4	2.5
453	355	RCO	422	...	12.8	4.5	14.1
183	117	REA	118	...	4.0	4.5	...
81	48	Reed Executive	67	...	...	...	...
165	117	Reliance Sec	143	...	...	4.2	14.4
13	4	Rentaminster	4	...	...	...	...
227	134	Rentokil	219	-3	1.6	1.0	32.2
242	180	Rolfe & Nolan	242	...	6.2	3.4	16.2
385	234	Salvesen (C)	385	+9	7.0	2.4	21.3
43	25	Scott Pickford	31	...	...	3.4	8.5
206	98	Securiguard	200	-3	9.4	6.5	-
12	1½	Select Appt	5	...	...	...	...
768	535	Serco Gp	760	...	11.9	2.1	24.4
283	132	Sherwd Cmpt	254	-1	...	3.1	6.8
157	82½	Sketchley	123	+1	3.0	3.3	14.9
360	270	Warner Howrd	345	...	5.9	2.3	19.5
81	41½	Welpac	44	-1	0.6	1.8	...
21	7½	Wills Gp	21	+½	0.1	0.6	26.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
246	162	Allied Colloids	239	+3	5.9	2.2	19.0
699	413	Amersham	645	+2	12.5	2.4	25.4
31½	5½	Anglo Utd	5½	...	0.8	...	...
9087½	7362½	BASF DM	9087½	+87½	...	8.1	...
260	201	BTP	249	+1	8.8	4.7	18.2
£113½	9050	Bayer DM50	£113½	+121½	...	4.7	...
248	126	Blagden	146	...	9.5	8.7	10.5
198	115	Brent Chems	150	-1	7.3	6.5	70.9
530	418	Br Bio-Tech	525	...	...	...	...
95	13	Cabrd Gp	25½	+½	2.5	13.5	6.4
179	112	Canning (W)	145	+5	7.2	6.7	11.6
616	371	Courtaulds	569	+3	13.0	3.0	15.5
247	142	Croda	245	+1	7.5	4.1	18.6
211	152	Ellis & Everard	189	...	7.0	5.0	17.2
16½	7	Euro Colour	16	...	0.6	5.4	...
135	43	Evode	133	-1	3.5	3.6	-
281	171	Halstead (J)	281	+1	...	2.8	15.0
227	158	Hickson	214	...	7.8	4.9	13.6
£108½	7537½	Hoechst	£108½	+175	...	6.8	...
1410	975	ICI	1134	-16	55.0	6.5	27.4
660	434	Laporte	649	-5	18.9	3.9	17.4
328	138	Leigh	210	+2	7.8	5.0	17.1
290	11	MTM	13½	...	1.8	...	2.7
1562½	1100	Norsk Hydro	1550	...	...	2.1	...
400	360	Paterson Zoch	400	...	11.4	3.8	17.3
395	355	-do- 'A'	371	...	11.4	4.1	16.0
301	231	Plysu	294	+2	6.0	2.7	19.8
206	130	Porvair	206	...	...	2.1	21.4
12	4½	Sutcliffe Speak	11½	...	...	...	...
475	329	Wardle Storeys	459	...	16.0	4.6	18.4
430	270	Wistnhlme R	430	...	16.3	5.1	18.9
397	253	Yorks Chem	397	+1	...	2.4	20.7
276	214	Yule Catto	276	+2	5.4	2.6	16.8

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
382	63	Alexon	83	-5	...	4.8	4.5
109	23	Amber Day	45	+2	3.1	9.2	12.3
306	190	Argos Plc	281	-1	6.4	3.0	19.5
99	57	Ashley (Laura)	80	...	0.1	0.2	...
305	180	Asprey	288	...	...	2.2	24.2
340	180	Austin Reed	198	...	6.0	...	57.6
159	112	Beattie (J) 'A'	150	...	5.7	5.1	14.3
144	74	Bentalls	108	...	3.8	4.8	60.9
255	86	Betterware	255	+5	...	0.6	35.1
76	22	Blacks Leis	27	...	3.3	...	5.6
371	133	Body Shop	142	+1	1.6	1.5	16.4
13½	3	Brown & Jackson	12½	...	...	...	...
355	260	Brown (N)	355	+4	6.0	2.3	22.0
80½	29	Burton	72	-2½	...	3.8	...
330	126	Cantors	138	...	...	2.6	18.3
358	245	Church	305	...	12.5	5.5	25.1
131	58	Clinton Cards	110	+5	3.7	4.5	...
231	151	Coats Viyella	227	+3	7.0	4.1	26.0
163	77	Colourvision	89	...	...	...	15.0
397	300	Courts Furnish	397	...	5.0	1.7	19.9
252	100	Crown Eyes	115	-15	...	7.0	5.3
111	65	Dairy Farm Intl	93	+3	...	...	16.4
55½	27½	Dewhirst (IJ)	55½	+½	0.7	1.7	18.4
286	179	Dixons Grp	221	-5	6.0	3.6	26.0
495	355	Dunhill	375	-1	7.7	2.7	13.0
33	13	ERA Gp	21	...	...	...	9.7
780	480	Elys (Wmbldn)	485	+5	16.0	4.4	10.8
97	38½	Essex Furn	94	...	...	3.9	18.8
258	199	Etam	213	...	6.6	4.1	19.0
519	340	Fine Art Dev	510	+2	11.0	2.9	19.6
80	26	Fired Earth Tiles	45	...	4.0	...	32.9
500	438	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
38	5	French Conn	37	...	...	...	...
75	21	Gabbicci	21	-1	...	12.7	4.2
69	39	Gent SR	48	...	2.0	5.6	14.1
38	18	Goldsmiths Gp	38	...	1.8	...	...
2475	1800	GUS	2475	...	40.0	2.2	19.6
1728	1319	-do- 'A'	1605	+27	40.0	3.4	12.7
75	30	Hampden Grp	40	...	...	6.7	5.7
283	123	Hartstone	256	-6	4.8	2.5	15.7
25	16½	Helene Plc	23½	+½	2.0	11.4	10.3
40	18	Heritage	36	...	...	...	...
39	25	Honeysuckle	40	...	...	3.3	6.7
168	130	Hse of Lerose	143	...	10.3	9.6	21.7
105	40	Jacques Vert	64	...	2.0	...	...
598	414	Kingfisher	558	-1	13.0	3.1	16.8
73	54½	Leslie Wise Gp	63	...	4.0	8.5	10.6
675	405	Liberty	675	...	7.2	1.4	46.0
373	162	Lloyds Chem	290	-5	5.5	2.5	11.4
152	90½	MFI	135	+6	...	3.7	18.0
348	288	Marks Spencer	333	+7½	7.1	2.8	20.3
474	319	Menzies (John)	466	...	10.0	2.9	16.6
140	110	Moss Bros	139	...	5.0	4.8	26.8
155½	57	Next	143½	+3	0.7	0.7	28.3
85	15	Oliver (G)	20	...	1.0	...	...
222	110	Oriflame Intl	215	...	...	5.6	14.0
143	49	Pentos	51	-1	2.7	7.2	6.0
53½	3	Pepe Group	6	...	...	...	0.5
278	202	QS Hldgs	223	-2	4.7	2.3	21.1
29	7	Ratners Group	16½	-½	2.4	19.7	...
32½	10	Rhino Grp	31½	+3	...	...	...
189	110	Sherwood Gp	160	...	...	1.9	15.4
113	54	Sears	104	+3	...	4.5	38.6
523	357	Smith WH 'A'	410	-3	13.4	4.4	14.3
29	13	Specialeyes	13½	...	...	...	...
219	87	Storehouse	205	-1	5.0	3.3	...
256	153	T & S Stores	190	...	5.5	3.9	12.4
95	27	Tie Rack	93	...	0.5	0.7	...
190	132	Time Products	189	...	7.5	5.3	18.5
86	47	Usher (Frank)	80	...	...	8.3	7.8
38	23	Vivat	28	...	...	...	77.3
66	28	Wensum	37	...	...	...	6.6
104	53	Wickes	93	...	...	...	...
70	28	Wld of Leather	56	...	...	...	65.9
205	102½	Wyevale	162	...	...	3.1	18.0
7	2½	Xtra-vision	2½	...	...	...	2.7

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
103	45	AB Elect	66	...	...	...	...
197	128	ACT Group	175	+3	4.5	3.4	17.2
231	195	Acal	228	+3	...	3.4	19.1
77	6	Acorn Comp	77	+9	...	...	...
415	299	Admiral	415	...	4.8	1.5	18.8
133	94	Alba	116	...	4.7	5.5	15.1
75	7	Alphameric	20½	...	...	...	...
44	19	Amstrad	25	+1	0.4	2.1	...
141	83	App Holo	128	...	...	...	...
22	12	Arlen	17	...	...	...	...
48	12	Aster	45½	...	...	...	...
292	218	Beales Hunter	289	...	9.2	4.6	14.2
20	1½	Bennett & Foun	5½	-½	...	...	...
374	207	BICC	360	+2	19.2	7.0	21.5
553	314	Blick	553	+8	9.2	2.2	21.3
4575	1150	Borland	1400	-50	...	...	...
280	208	Bowthorpe	284	+4	6.0	2.8	19.4
421	305	BT	421	+8½	14.4	4.6	15.4
316	212	BT New	316	+9	14.4	4.6	15.4
8½	5	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	7½	...	0.1	1.8	...
226	80	Burnfield	128	...	...	6.0	18.4
731	489	Cable Wireless	711	+6	13.2	2.5	22.0
14½	4½	Chloride	12½	...	...	...	...
303	205	CML Micro	249	...	...	2.4	16.5
116	62	Comptr People	85	...	5.4	...	11.0
16	1	Cranbrooke	1	...	...	...	...
148	60½	Cray Elect	148	+2	...	0.5	12.1
506	331	Delta	455	-5	14.0	4.1	18.0
287	148	Denmans El	287	...	...	2.8	-
570	375	Domino	570	+18	7.2	1.7	-
66	43	Dowding Mills	61	+3	2.5	5.5	20.1
1015	750	Dracko	948	...	...	1.3	23.1
391	233	Electrocomps	381	+5	7.0	2.4	20.6
545	286	El Data Ptc	475	+5	5.1	1.4	12.9
70	28	Electron House	66	...	2.3	4.7	20.4
25½	7	Emess	16	+1	1.0	...	...
521	292	Eurotherm	517	-1	8.0	2.1	-
121	51	FKI	121	+3	2.3	2.5	23.4
387	227	Farnell Elect	344	-1	5.8	2.2	18.7
40	18	Feedback	35	...	...	...	...
13½	3½	Ferranti	12½	+½	...	...	...
124	30	First Tech	120	+3	...	...	...
98	71	Forward Gp	88	...	...	3.8	10.6
28½	10	Forward Tech	18½	-½	...	...	...
301½	183	GEC	301	+9	9.6	4.3	15.9
227	102	Graseby	171	+1	10.9	8.5	14.8
57	38	Hilchurc	39	...	...	1.7	12.7
455	395	Hoskyns Gp	452	...	2.4	0.7	-
135	65	INSTEM	84	...	...	6.7	5.3

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
342	190	Jones Stroud	341	...	8.0	3.2	14.7
21	8	Kenbury	8	...	0.3	6.3	3.1
319	47	Kewill Sys	73	...	...	...	3.7
132	92	Kode	131	...	...	4.1	17.3
25	8	Laser-Scan	25	+2	...	...	...
150	49½	LDMS	150	+1	...	...	...
315	240	Lec Refrig	285	-5	14.5	6.6	22.5
178	125	Life Sciences	177	...	3.3	2.3	19.6
232	130	Logica	189	...	3.6	2.6	27.1
55	45	LPA Ind	53	...	...	8.9	14.9
587	371	Macro 4	578	-6	...	2.9	21.6
613	305	Memrtech	605	-5	...	2.0	20.8
212	199	Microfilm Rep	202	-3	4.3	2.9	19.3
2943	1453	Micro Focus	2890	+15	...	...	32.1
222	130	Microgen	220	...	7.2	4.4	-
35	13	Microvitec	29	...	...	...	...
459	201	Misys	459	+9	6.1	1.8	21.0
128	40	Mitel	121	-6	...	...	...
130	78	MMT Comp	130	+2	...	3.6	18.5
92	25	Molynx	25	...	4.0	21.3	2.4
373	202	MTL Inst	340	+2	...	1.9	14.9
165	82	Multitone Elect	165	+3	3.0	2.4	20.2
143	71	Murray Electr	142	...	1.8	1.8	-
5850	3962½	NYNEX	5850	+62½	...	...	...
188	115	Neomatics	184	-1	2.6	1.9	23.8
63	32	Newmark (L)	45	...	...	...	...
85	33	Norbain	85	+1	...	1.6	12.7
50	20	Northamber	25	...	0.5	2.7	...
17½	9½	Oceonics	10	...	...	...	6.5
254	165	Oxford Inst	220	+1	4.3	2.6	14.7
127	46	P-E Internatl	58	+4	6.2	...	...
68	16	P & P	41	-1	4.3	...	14.7
68	42	Peek	67	...	3.4	6.8	19.8
190	85	Pegasus	139	+2	...	6.7	-
9200	7000	Philips Fin 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1187½	625	-do- Lmp NV	875	-12½	...	...	...
422	310	Pilko	421	...	7.7	2.5	36.0
397	280	-do- 'A' Voting	396	...	7.7	2.6	33.8
92	48	Plessey	92	+4	...	3.6	11.8
104	63	Prestec	100	...	2.4	3.2	19.5
220	65	Psion	112	...	...	2.9	...
11	2	Pyramid	10	...	...	...	...
182	129	Racal Elect	178	+6	1.5	1.1	21.1
46	26	Rademac	46	...	0.5	1.4	27.0
64	25	Radius	59	...	...	6.1	43.9
118	62	Real Time	66	...	...	6.1	6.0
28	10	Rivat	21	...	...	...	...
544	328	Sage Gp	538	-7	9.0	2.2	17.2
66	44	Scanronic	66	...	2.9	6.0	20.8
142	92	Scholes Grp	139	...	5.0	4.8	27.3
340	179	Sema Gp	280	...	2.6	1.2	24.1
45	21	Silvermines	30	...	...	9.6	...
50	29	Soundtracks	41	...	...	7.2	...
1981½	1275	TDK	1962½	+25	...	1.3	22.2
8	3	TDS Circuits	5½	...	...	...	...
127	30	Telemetrix	118	-1	0.6	0.7	41.2
888	633	THORN EMI	844	+19	30.1	4.8	21.7
110	88	Thorpe FW	103	...	2.5	3.2	10.6
88	33	Total Systems	88	...	2.2	3.4	15.7
400	190	Tunstall	400	...	6.0	2.0	17.9
236	123	Unitech	195	+6	5.8	4.0	33.7
24½	9	Verity	9½	...	...	...	...
27	13	Vistec	20½	...	...	...	...
434	285	Vodafone	398	+8	...	1.5	22.6
460	260	Volex	438	-1	...	1.9	19.5
17	10	Western Selectn	15	...	...	5.4	21.5
287	153	Wholesale Ftgs	234	...	11.7	6.8	22.0

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
444	273	East Midlands	399	+1	17.1	5.7	7.7
439	266	Eastern Elect	412	-1	16.7	5.4	10.2
283	143	Hydro-Elect	236	-2½	10.1	4.5	10.7
465	288	London Elect	417	+3	16.8	5.4	8.0
513	324	Manweb	469	-1	18.2	5.2	6.8
483	287	Midlands Elec	439	+2	17.2	5.2	9.2
490	295	Northern Elec	459	+3	18.5	5.4	6.8
494	298	Norweb	463	...	17.7	5.1	8.7
247	142	Scottish Power	216	-2½	10.1	4.7	10.6
475	297	Seeboard	450	-2	17.2	5.1	8.1
539	313	Sth Wales	490	-1	19.4	5.3	7.8
474	283	Sth Western	448	+1	17.4	5.2	8.1
457	270	Southern Elec	416	...	16.6	5.3	8.2
511	331	Yorkshire Elec	470	+1	17.7	5.0	8.7
310½	188	National Power	294½	-1½	9.1	4.1	9.7
312	196	PowerGen	296	-4	9.2	4.2	9.2

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
58	28	Aitken Hume	56	...	0.5	...	35.8
65	37½	BWD	62	...	...	6.5	8.7
124	23	Baltic Plc	50	...	4.3	...	4.4
453	299	Caledonia	443	...	14.4	4.3	17.0
1950	1050	Camellia	1400	+200	27.0	2.6	11.8
290	203	Candover	255	...	9.5	5.0	21.1
91	48	Flextech	90	...	...	...	8.9
193	103	Govett	193	+8	...	7.2	5.6
135	97	Ivory Sime	132	+1	...	6.3	14.0
6½	3½	LIT	4	...	...	...	...
165	7½	Lighthship	12	...	...	...	0.6
164	110	Lon Forfaiting	164	...	...	6.2	14.2
84	14	Manakin	73	...	...	...	...
7½	1½	Nat Home Loan	6½	...	...	...	...
44	24	Newmarket	44	...	...	...	...
260	179	Rathbone Brs	253	...	...	2.6	17.9
19½	9½	Rotland Tst	18½	...	0.8	5.8	10.5
330	120	S & U	304	...	...	1.6	10.9
59	34	Singer & Fried	56½	...	2.5	5.9	12.4
938	575	Sothebys	938	...	...	4.1	...
93	73	S/P Capital	90	...	3.0	4.4	16.3

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1712½	1043½	Amer Express	1712½	+43½	...	...	...
233	149	Electra	217	+5	6.7	4.1	29.6
970	535	Henderson Ad	970	+52	41.0	5.6	21.4
100	50	Invesco MIM	93	...	...	4.3	13.6
223	121	Jardine Strat	180	+1	...	3.7	8.8
186	100½	MAI	185	+5	6.0	4.3	13.4
453	244	M&M	453	+20	11.5	3.4	18.1
732	460	M & G	732	+29	20.0	3.6	19.5
138	81	Smith New Crt	137	-1	4.5	4.4	5.4
98	57	Sterling Tst	97	...	...	...	8.5
78	35	Trin Hldgs	78	+2	...	1.7	56.7

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	362	AB Food	475	...	14.0	3.9	10.9
65½	21½	ASDA Group	61½	-1½	...	3.5	19.8
197	75	Adams & Harris	197	+9	6.5	4.5	11.1
83	31	Albert Fisher	70½	+3½	3.7	7.1	11.7
432	273	Argyll	383	-5	9.7	3.4	15.1
51	11	Ashley Group	24	...	0.7	4.2	...
147	103	Assoc Fisheries	142	...	7.0	6.6	26.2
190	143	Banks (S C)	185	...	8.2	6.0	9.1
344	200	Barr (AG)	343	...	6.5	2.5	-
117	74	Bensons Crisp	78	...	...	4.9	8.3
137½	50	Berisford Intl	125	-1	...	...	...
490	312	Booker	433	+12	21.7	6.7	13.2
44	28	Borthwick	35½	...	1.1	4.1	24.8
474	334	Brake Bros	441	...	5.7	1.7	18.4
51	31	Budgen	42	-1	...	...	14.3
499	412	Cadbury-Schw	467	+3	12.5	3.6	17.2
107	64	Carrs Milling	89	...	3.9	5.8	17.8
210	105	Clifford Fd 'A'	180	...	11.5	8.5	8.5
186	140	Cranswick	184	...	...	5.4	13.6
38	8	Cullens	16½	-½	0.5	4.0	8.8
435	275	Dalepak	305	...	6.0	2.6	13.7
491	352	Dalgety	486	-2	19.5	5.3	16.1
54	27	Daniels S	30	...	0.2	1.1	32.8
132½	92½	Everest	122	...	...	3.8	12.6
295	234	Farepak	280	...	...	2.3	20.6
16	3	Farmsgate	8	...	...	...	...
91	53	Finlay (James)	90	...	...	4.1	6.1	16.9
95	68	Fyffes	91	-4	...	1.9	-
440	249	Geest	419	...	7.9	2.5	15.9
12	5	Global	7	...	...	9.5	6.4
49	34	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.6	...
180	81	Hazlewood Fds	179	+2	6.1	4.5	10.8
200	68	Hillsdown	148	...	8.8	7.9	8.9
61	27	Hunter Saphir	43	...	2.5	...	...
676	412	Iceland Frozen	675	...	8.5	1.7	18.1
142	103	JLI Group	126	...	4.5	4.8	18.1
827	514	Kwik Save	799	+1	16.0	2.7	16.7
286½	169	Low (Wm)	261	...	8.4	4.3	12.6
74	29	Matthews (B)	55	...	4.5	...	11.6
33	9	Merchant Retail	15½	...	1.1	10.0	37.0
177	83½	Morrison (W)	165	...	...	0.5	25.8
515	318	Nichols (JN)	500	...	12.3	3.3	14.3
317½	215	Nthn Foods	271	-1	...	3.9	14.9
48	11	Nrthmbrn Fns	19	...	...	5.3	7.9
193	132	Nurdin Peack	178	-1	5.5	4.2	12.1
226	78½	Park Foods	216	-2	3.2	2.0	25.8
155	45	Perkins Food	87	-3½	4.3	6.6	7.6
301	130	RHM	290	-5	...	6.4	14.8
3½	1½	Regina Hldg	1½	-½	...	...	...
584	337	Sainsbury J	578	-4	8.7	2.0	21.5
61	35	Sentry Farm	35	...	...	3.8	8.2
340	175	Skis Food	217	...	11.2	6.9	11.7
443	285	Tate & Lyle	414	+8	12.0	3.8	15.2
296	194½	Tesco	257	-4	6.3	3.3	12.2
210	132	Thorntons	207	+1	3.6	2.4	19.3
163	83	Treats	155	-5	...	3.1	17.4
368	192	Unigate	325	+9	15.3	6.3	11.6
440	222	Utd Biscuits	387	+5	15.3	5.6	12.8
25	12	Usborne	22	...	0.4	2.4	13.5
357	205	Watson & Phil	333	...	13.3	5.3	17.4

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
23	16	Abrdn Stk Hs	16	...	...	...	...
89	52	City Centre Rest	86	-3	1.4	2.3	24.1
202	112	Forte	187	+3	9.9	7.1	...
240	94	Friendly Hotels	159	...	5.5	4.6	12.8
12	5	Harmony Leis	8	...	...	...	...
267	126	Ladbroke	208	-2	11.1	7.3	16.8
70	37½	Mandarin Orntl	68	+2	...	4.6	19.5
92	26	Queens Moat	58	+3	2.8	6.6	7.7
118	51½	-do- 7½% cvpr	98½	+½	7.5	10.2	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels	2	...	...	...	...
89½	16	Resort Hotels	53	+2	3.4	8.7	10.4
750	420	Savoy Hotel 'A'	718	...	7.0	1.3	...
40	28	Stakis	36	...	...	...	...
46	23	Stakis	45	+1	...	1.3	-

INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
198	135	AAF Inds	188	...	...	5.3	9.9
616	460	AAH	564	+2	16.3	3.9	17.9
203	122	ADM	162	+7	6.5	5.3	10.0
136	76	APV	126	...	3.4	3.7	22.7
185	50	ASW	130	...	9.0	...	24.6
147	86	Adwest	145	-2	7.0	6.4	20.6
33	5	Aerospace Eng	12	...	1.0	...	7.2
468	253	Airsprung	467	...	7.5	2.1	10.3
115	38	Alexdra W	114	...	3.6	4.2	61.6
22	11½	Allied Radio	11½	...	...	...	...
458	358	Alumasc	455	...	11.0	3.2	13.9
62	9	Alvis	28½	-2½	1.0	5.0	-
400	308	Amber Ind	395	...	17.0	5.7	10.6
31	13	Amberley Gp	20	...	...	6.7	...
160	125	Andrews Sykes	143	...	4.4	4.1	...
750	503	Antofagasta	750	+27	...	2.5	18.3
41½	29½	Armour	41	+1	1.4	4.8	12.0
168	123	Ash & Lacy	161	...	6.4	5.3	13.3
3½	1½	Ass Br Eng	3	...	0.0	2.2	...
533	302	Avon Rubber	533	+2	16.5	4.1	-
195	103	Assoc Nursg	195	+1	...	...	7.5
860	445	Atlas Equip	645	...	...	4.3	13.3
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	46	...	...	...	...
173	107	BBA	169½	-3½	7.5	5.9	21.8
53	24	BLP Group	28	...	...	...	...
417	49	BM Gp	58	+2	5.0	11.5	2.5
774	583	BOC	738	-7	23.2	4.2	16.2
79½	51½	BSG	75½	+½	3.2	5.7	20.5
422	296	BSS Group	406	...	...	5.7	16.2
566	381	BTR	566	+13	16.5	3.9	19.9
286	115	BWI	204	...	6.7	4.4	22.5
70	26	Babcock	33½	-1	3.1	...	7.0
7½	3½	Bailey (CH)	6	...	...	...	...
267	190	Baird (Wm)	267	+12	8.9	4.4	17.2
1037½	550	Barlow Rand	675	...	...	5.6	3.4
45	7	Barrett (B)	7	...	2.0	...	16.2
62	37	Baynes (Charles)	57	+2	1.3	3.2	18.2
36	10	Beaufort	11	...	1.8	...	...
18	5	Beckenham	8	...	...	8.3	...
31	10	Bedford (W)	20	...	...	...	...
25½	13	Benson Group	24	+½	0.1	0.6	22.5
650	444	Bespak	650	...	9.0	1.8	20.3
181	109	Bibby (J)	129	+1½	9.7	10.6	7.2

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181	84	Billam (J)	181	...	4.2	3.2	8.3
55	28	Bilston Birmsn	31	...	...	...	18.4
77½	3½	Bimec Ind	9	...	0.6	...	...
40	20	Black Arrow	40	-1	2.1	7.0	9.6
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1	...	...	...	0.1
165	103	Black (Peter)	163	-2	2.9	2.4	19.8
140	32	Bluebird Toys	136	+7	...	...	...
527	381	Bodycote	522	-1	9.2	2.3	18.6
571	398	Boots	508	+10	12.4	3.3	18.8
84	40	Booth Inds	58	+1	3.2	7.4	6.0
508	312½	Bowater	497	+7	...	3.0	22.7
1687	905	Bowater Inc	1560	+27	...	...	...
219	126	Boxmore Intl	218	+1	...	2.1	21.0
20	13	Brasway	14	-½	0.5	5.5	18.1
274	186	Brammer	263	+16	13.0	6.6	18.1
33	11	Bridgend Gp	15	...	1.2	...	6.8
103	34	Bristn	88	...	4.0	...	...
82	38	Bridport-Gndry	60	+6	4.1	9.1	11.3
40	23	Brierley Inv	40	+1	...	7.5	10.5
543	398	Br Bldg & Eng	298	...	...	...	...
47	38	Br Bloodstock	42	...	...	...	...
475	348	Br Polythene	461	+1	9.0	2.6	14.0
86	43½	Br Steel	79	+2½	...	...	...
120	88	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	3.3	33.6
14½	9	Br Thornton	13½	-½	...	2.5	...
294	212	Br Vita	266	+3	...	3.5	17.5
12½	9½	Britton Grp	12½	+½	...	...	...
642	429	Broken Hill	642	+21	...	2.8	30.5
128½	67	Bromsgrve Ind	95	...	4.0	5.6	13.1
15	3	Brooke Tool	7½	...	0.2	...	...
83	38	Brown & Tawse	53	...	4.7	...	...
174	63	Bullough	114	-1	6.0	7.4	-
37	13	Business Techs	25	...	...	...	19.8
35	12	CI Group	20	+1	2.0	13.7	8.2
66	14	Campbl & Arm	34	...	2.0	...	...
30	2	Cannon St	14	-½	3.3	...	...
238	161	Cape	230	...	10.5	6.1	14.7
200	130	Carclo Eng	200	...	7.8	5.2	16.8
2400	1675	Carnaud Mtl	2375	+50	...	3.8	7.4
80	55	Cassidy Bros	72	...	...	4.4	8.0
195	118	Castings	161	...	4.0	3.4	11.5
140	90	Charnbella Hill	115	...	6.0	7.0	6.9
707	467	Charter Cons	693	+12	21.5	4.1	16.6
288	176	Chestring	268	...	...	4.1	16.1
120	90	Chieftain Gp	90	...	...	7.3	10.0
39	18	Chillington	30	...	0.5	2.2	...
170	90	Christies Int	154	...	3.3	...	...
53	33	Clayhithe	45	...	2.5	7.4	...
140	80	Clayton Son	85	...	3.0	4.7	...
7	¼	Co Designers	7	...	0.2	...	...
400	255	Cohen (A)	375	...	10.0	...	...
247	188	Community H	213	...	6.5	4.1	13.2
233	126	Concentric	230	...	...	3.2	18.4
338	88	Cook (Wm)	168	+6	10.0	...	11.2
208	103	Cookson	208	+2	6.0	3.8	28.9
60	35	Copymore	43	...	...	8.4	8.4
240	176	Crowll Pkr 'A'	220	...	5.7	3.5	16.6
178	118	Cosalt	160	...	10.7	9.0	24.4
250	180	Creighton Nt	195	...	...	4.8	14.1
30	20	CrestaCare	27	...	0.7	3.5	17.4
3293½	1456½	Dana	3293½	+50	...	...	...
580	168	Danka Bs Sys	542	-2	3.7	0.9	16.7
11	5	Davies (DT)	7	...	...	...	...
691	474	De La Rue	691	+8	15.0	2.9	21.2
23	10	Dinkie Heel	20	...	0.9	6.3	9.5
418	263	Diploma	418	+10	9.7	3.1	21.8
88	43	Dobson Park	64	-1	5.7	12.0	11.5
104	90	Dyson (J&J)	93	...	5.0	7.2	13.4
66	54	-do- 'A'	62	...	5.0	10.8	8.9
18	8	EFG	18	...	...	...	...
430	355	EIS	409	-1	11.7	3.8	15.2
29	9½	EIT Gp	9½	-½	...	...	...
26	16	Elbief	26	...	...	...	...
57	28	Eleco	33	-2	3.3	...	19.4
2700	1550	Electrolux 'B'	1937½	-146½	...	5.9	25.8
480	45	Elliott (B)	54	...	...	...	...
603	330	Eng China Cl	472	-7	20.0	5.6	16.2
1825	900	Ericsson 'B'	1637½	...	...	1.9	53.8
91	56	Erskine Hse	68	...	6.6	13.0	7.1
101	29	Eurocopy	40	...	1.6	5.4	-
158	29	Expamet	63	...	10.3	...	7.5
559	302	Fairey Group	559	+9	9.0	2.1	18.6
108	61	Fenner	82	...	4.2	6.8	15.5
49	18	Ferraris Group	40	...	...	3.3	9.1
1½	½	Ferronet	1	...	...	...	...
51	19	Ferrum	28	+1	2.5	11.9	7.6
81	33	Fife Indmar	33	...	4.9	...	4.4
403	143	Fisons	222	-2	8.7	5.2	16.1
61	28	Fitzwilton	31	...	...	15.3	...
255	200	Flogas	255	...	...	4.1	9.9
56	39	Folkes Group nv	42	...	...	2.3	7.5	8.5
73	42	French (Thos)	58	...	3.6	8.3	-
595	288	Frost Group	568	-5	2.0	0.5	36.6
115	69	GEI Int	82	+3	7.3	11.9	16.9
475	281	GKN	473	...	20.5	5.8	30.3
93	40	GR Hldgs	51	...	...	5.4	...
130	84	Garton Eng	84	...	7.0	...	...
162	93	Gestetner	152	-2	8.2	7.5	6.3
58	21	Gieves	32	...	...	...	23.2
943	632	Glaxo	665	+10	17.0	3.4	20.1
23	14	Glencheckton	23	+1	...	...	...
282	183	Glynwed	263	+1	11.6	5.9	25.9
97	63	Goode Durrant	89	...	5.4	8.1	18.8
199	79	Grampian Hd	130	+2	5.5	6.7	14.2
379	192	Granada	373	+14	7.7	2.8	19.9
308	245	Great Strcs	305	...	...	4.4	13.1
125	75	Green (Ernst)	93	...	...	11.4	11.3
11	6	Greenacre	9½	...	...	3.4	10.4
20	6	Guardian Grp	8	...	...	...	...
125½	23	Haden MacLn	39	...	8.0	...	6.2

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80	43	Hadleigh Inds	54	+2	...	...	...
169	97	Hall Eng	139	+3	8.6	8.3	12.4
12	3	Halls Homes	3½	...	...	...	...
239	148	Halma	239	+7	2.2	1.2	29.6
55	29	Hampson Ind	39	...	2.3	...	10.6
262½	184½	Hanson	262½	+5½	11.0	5.6	13.4
233	138	Harris (Philip)	233	+6	6.2	3.6	16.2
169	104	Harrisn Crsfld	165	-1	9.0	7.3	28.5
99	32	Havelock Euro	42	...	1.5	...	...
4½	1	Hawthorn Les	4	...	...	...	...
41	17	Hay (Norman)	26	...	1.1	...	...
28	15	Headway	21	...	0.7	4.4	11.1
437	211	Hepworth	330	-2	14.8	6.0	13.1
165	116	Hewitt (J)	165	...	2.5	2.0	12.7
283	29	High-Point	30	...	1.3	5.8	...
147	89	Hill & Smith	126	...	6.0	6.6	-
10	3	Hobson	10	...	...	...	...
100	69	Holders Tech	94	...	...	8.7	12.6
80	24	Hopkinsons	33	...	3.7	...	9.6
232	149	Hornby	149	...	...	8.1	11.7
35	6½	Hospital Crp	11½	+½	...	9.1	3.2
72½	32	Howden	66	+4	2.0	4.1	9.7
215	149	Hunting	215	+4	10.0	6.2	16.2
918	285	Hunting Tech	913	+63	...	0.7	33.7
306	210	IMI	271	+7	10.0	4.9	18.7
94	49	ISA Intl	92	...	1.3	2.0	17.8
205	127	Intercare Gp	188	...	...	1.8	-
266	175	Isotron	250	...	3.9	2.1	17.0
498	259	Jardine Math	379	+8	...	2.7	12.0
537	317	Johnson Matth	513	+2	9.6	2.5	21.3
73	44½	Johnson & Fb	57	-3½	3.0	7.0	17.6
207	117	Johnston	129	...	9.0	...	60.8
62	14	Jones Shipman	28	...	...	...	...
35	20½	Jourdan (T)	20½	...	1.5	9.8	...
49	26	Kalamazoo	30	...	...	...	24.7
124½	73	Kalon	123½	+1½	3.2	3.5	20.0
458	253	Kelsey Ind	290	...	13.0	6.0	-
550	450	Kershaw (A)	540	+5	27.0	6.9	27.1
108	44	Kleen-Eze	100	...	...	...	...
70	30	LGW	70	...	...	2.1	24.3
343	229	Laird	292	+6	...	4.7	14.2
136	65	Lee (Arthur)	125	+1	5.9	6.3	-
118½	86	Litteshall	118	+2	4.0	4.5	12.6
113	71	Lincat	113	+3	...	6.0	16.0
9½	3	Lincoln Hse	8½	+½	...	...	...
103	61	Linread	103	...	3.5	...	14.5
193	120	Linton Park	182	...	13.0	9.5	31.9
36	10½	Lionheart	13	...	0.3	3.1	13.4
19½	10	Locker (T) A	19½	+½	1.0	6.8	61.4
316	157½	Lon Intl	237	-1	9.4	5.3	16.1
180	57	Lonrho	76	...	...	7.0	...
314	218	Low & Bonar	295	+3	9.1	4.1	18.2
323	200	MB-Caradon	307	+4	8.5	3.7	24.1
159	108½	-do- pf	153	+1½	7.2	6.4	...
54	13	ML Hldgs	19	...	...	...	14.9
39	19	MS Intl	34	...	2.5	9.8	47.5
48	31	MY Holdings	48	...	...	2.8	14.6
261	171	Macfarlane	260	+5	4.2	2.2	24.6
399	220	McKechnie	399	+2	14.7	4.9	20.8
119	72	McLeod Russel	101	...	6.0	7.9	12.3
12½	6½	Maddox	10½	...	...	...	...
93	55	Magnolia	69	...	5.4	...	47.6
98	66	Mang Bronze	76	...	1.0	1.8	...
74½	15	Marling	27	...	0.3	...	...
135	87	Mayborn	135	...	...	4.1	11.5
41½	29	Mayflower	41	-½	...	1.3	20.3
301	150	Medeva	219	...	1.5	0.9	21.7
108	66	Meggitt	99½	+½	3.6	4.8	14.9
123	90	Metair	114	...	...	4.1	15.0
137	68	Meters	76	...	...	6.7	...
51	27	Midsmes	49	...	...	8.3	8.0
22½	14	Mining & Ald	16	...	0.5	4.2	...
382	295	Molins	382	+7	12.7	4.5	10.2
345	220	Morgan Cruc	334½	+3	12.6	5.0	16.4
145	79	Morris Ashby	141	...	...	4.5	12.1
31	14	Neepsend	17	...	1.5	...	...
75	34	Neston-BNA	47	...	3.1	8.9	7.7
131	68	Nobo Gp	129	...	3.5	3.6	13.8
164	62	Norcros	140	-5	7.0	6.7	34.0
81	26	Nova Group	38	...	1.1	...	...
485	310	Nu-Swift	325	...	8.2	...	4.0
53	31	Office Elec Mac	49	...	0.1	0.3	...
49	10	OMI Intl	30	+½	1.7	7.8	...
155	135	PCT	137	...	...	6.8	12.4
51	47	Pacer Systems	47	...	...	7.8	...
147	94	Pentland	132	-1	2.2	2.3	18.0
380	260	Photo-Me	380	...	4.4	1.5	19.4
169	67	Pilkington	104	+4	6.0	7.7	37.8
34	19	Pinton	20	...	...	...	...
79	39	Plenstbrook	73	...	...	5.5	10.7
147	98	Polypipe	137	+1	1.9	1.9	20.5
504	335	Portals	504	...	13.8	3.7	16.4
65	18	Porter Chadbn	30	+2	2.5	11.4	7.2
14	1½	Porth Gp	7	...	...	...	...
359	204	Powerscreen	358	+6	6.0	2.2	20.2
21	14½	Prospect Inds	18½	...	0.7	5.5	9.1
49	16½	RPS Group	38	+1	...	...	12.6
100	70	Radiant Metal	80	...	...	...	...
92	31	Ranaco Oil	80	+3	...	3.3	37.1
772	444	Rank Org	730	+12	31.0	5.9	19.1
39	6	Ransomes	32	...	...	...	...
709	523	Reckitt Colm	624	+2	15.1	3.2	14.7

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100	40	Record	60	+2	3.6	8.0	11.6
9½	2½	Reece	2½	...	...	...	8.7
169	105	Relyon	142	+7	4.9	4.6	18.5
313	248	Renishaw	283	...	6.5	3.1	21.7
68	44	Renold	58	...	1.0	2.3	...
1438	982	Reuters	1427	+23	17.0	1.6	25.6
37	22½	Rexmore	29½	...	1.7	7.0	7.2
101	58	Ricardo Intl	94	+1	5.3	8.1	24.1
81	50	Richard (Leics)	58	...	4.4	10.1	5.8
69	47	Richardson West	64	...	2.9	6.0	15.3
130	97	Ropner	128	...	8.2	8.6	9.2
122	95	-do- 'A'	122	...	8.2	9.0	8.7
47½	22	Ross Gp	37	...	0.4	1.6	20.3
425	258	Rotork	425	...	10.0	3.1	19.6
135	85	Rubicon	125	...	...	1.6	...
100	57	Russell (A)	61	...	2.1	4.7	32.2
21	14	SEP Indl	20½	-1	0.6	4.3	-
1200	612½	SKF 'B'	637½	-12½	...	5.8	...
272	107	Sanderson Elec	254	...	9.0	4.7	10.8
56	32	Savage	44	...	...	0.8	58.0
41	29	Saville Grdn (J)	40	...	2.2	7.4	15.6
236	158	Scapa	238	+8	5.3	3.0	19.2
245	188	Scholl	237	...	6.0	3.4	17.0
17	2½	Scot Heritable	4	...	...	...	...
990	648	Securicor	975	...	2.6	0.4	-
668	469	-do- 'A'	650	...	2.6	0.5	-
565	367	Security Serv	548	-1	5.0	1.2	-
32	5½	Senior Eng	90	...	3.1	4.7	14.9
361	257½	Seton Health	360	...	...	1.9	23.1
72	45	Sheldon Jones	45	...	...	...	...
146	83	Shiloh	96	...	2.7	3.8	26.0
361	223	Sidlaw	348	-4	10.0	3.8	16.2
473	259½	Siebe	473	+8	...	2.6	19.9
256	188	Silentnight	256	+3	8.0	4.2	14.2
121	68	Sime Darby	119	...	...	3.7	14.6
304	69	Simon Eng	137	+2	15.7	15.3	18.0
290	196	Sinclair (Wm)	251	...	7.0	3.7	16.2
53	22	Six Hundred	45	...	2.5	7.4	...
171	127	Smith & Neph	154	-2½	4.4	3.8	19.4
566	396½	SmithKline	471	-11	7.7	2.2	18.1
500	353	-do- Eq Uts	414	-6	...	2.4	16.8
394	259	Smiths Ind	378	+3	11.2	4.0	15.4
140	78	Smm Bus	135	...	3.3	3.3	12.8
350	265	Spamlex	295	+2	...	2.7	15.0
370	230	Spear (JW)	310	...	10.0	4.3	9.6
345	231	Spirax-Sarco	345	+2	9.0	3.5	20.6
181	83½	Spring Ram	141	+5	0.2	0.3	18.6
50	21	Star Comp	47	...	0.5	1.6	12.0
270	158	Staveley	262	...	8.2	4.5	13.8
144	102	Sterling Ind	144	+4	5.6	5.2	18.0
14½	9	Stonehill	11	...	...	...	...
145	73	Suter	125	+1	8.8	9.4	11.1
319	190	Swire Pacfc 'A'	272	-8	...	2.8	19.9
19	5	Sycamore	6	...	...	...	...
300	232	Sytone	255	...	9.4	4.9	11.7
196	98	T & N	196	+7	10.8	7.4	37.1
332	251	TI	302	+5	10.2	4.5	16.3
23	10	TLS Range	17	...	...	3.9	...
263	167	TT Group	251	-1	...	3.2	16.3
268	170	Tabare	247	+1	1.5	0.6	24.5
742	405	Taleda Chem	742	+23	...	0.6	19.7
44½	19	Tex Hldgs	28	...	...	...	...
79	55	Tinsley (E)	78	...	...	...	...
170	85	Thorn	164	...	...	8.9	9.1
271	195	Tomkins	259	+2	...	3.0	-
165	39	Trafalgar H	93½	-½	6.0	3.3	18.2
161	38	-do- 'A'	91	-1	...	8.6	6.3
514½	266½	Transfer Tech	460	...	...	...	...
175	133	Triplex Lloyd	171	-2	7.0	3.8	12.7
253	165	UniChem	244	-1	5.0	5.7	15.0
320	230	Unidare	290	...	...	2.7	18.1
24	8½	Unigroup	13½	...	...	7.5	10.2
1154	866	Unilever	1148	+17	18.9	2.2	17.7
7325	5375	Unilever (NV)	7325	+96½	...	2.7	12.5
585	265	VSEL	580	-3	25.0	6.0	6.4
15	2½	Verson	6½	...	...	...	...
188	60	Vickers	119	...	6.0	...	26.9
409	260	Victaulic	345	...	...	2.8	16.4
334	232	Vinten	323	...	6.6	2.7	17.4
495	240	Vosper Thorny	495	...	13.1	3.5	12.0
70	36½	WSP Hldgs	41	...	2.9	9.7	7.1
468	340	Wagon Ind	453	...	...	5.0	17.5
78	45	Walker Greenbk	75	...	3.1	5.5	17.9
225	110	Wassall	224	...	...	1.5	27.2
34	15	Watford Wdgwd	25	-1	...	...	...
668	435	Weir	668	...	10.5	2.1	19.4
1174	777	Wellcome	869	+16	13.0	2.0	24.0
39	23½	Wellman	23½	...	2.2	...	8.8
480	390	Whatman	480	+2	8.7	2.4	17.3
339	205	Whessoe	319	+1	8.0	3.3	12.0
34	4	Whewav	7	...	1.0	19.0	...
145	15	Whitecroft	38	+1	4.0	...	4.1
12	3	Widney	7	...	...	...	...
197	44	Wilkes (James)	44	...	10.0	...	2.4
379	221	Williams Hldg	349	+4	13.3	4.7	17.2
23½	8½	Wilshaw	22	-½	0.4	2.4	18.2
583	287	Wolseley	583	+10	12.5	2.9	22.3
150	100	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	4.1	4.4	13.5
80	37	Wyko	38	+1	2.8	...	21.7
70	38	Young (H)	47	...	3.0	8.5	17.2

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1862½	1025	Alex & Alex	1862½	+51½	...	3.4	...
4109½	2250	Am Gen	4106½	+43½	...	3.2	...
66	27	Archer (A)	30	...	...	4.4	19.6	14.6
168	83	Bradstock	145	-1	5.1	4.8	-
1160	762	Britannic	1140	-3	28.5	3.5	...
641	402	Com Union	624	+17	23.6	5.1	...
1345	900	Dom & Gen	1335	...	...	1.8	22.1
31	18	EAI	21	...	...	...	...
607	356	Gen Accident	606	+18	26.7	5.9	...
188	108	GRE	180	+6	7.0	...	...
477	212	Heath C E	340	-2	16.0	6.3	20.0
188	104	Hogg Gp	174	-2	8.1	6.2	10.6
206	102	IIB Group	185	...	...	5.4	13.6
470	287	Legal & Gen	470	+6	18.8	5.3	...
1026	557	Liberty Life	1016	+19	...	4.3	24.7
466	295	Lloyds Abbey	452	+4	17.3	5.1	15.1
262	160	Lloyd Thomp	254	-1	5.6	2.9	18.7
315	203	Londn & Man	315	...	13.5	5.7	24.2
362	224	Lowndes Lmb	357	-1	12.6	4.7	14.2
6362½	3931½	Marsh McLn	6362½	+168½	...	2.7	...
156	93	Oriel	93	...	...	7.2	6.8
81	30	PWS	63	...	4.0	8.8	-
321½	199	Prudential	321	+7	11.0	4.6	27.8
895	564	Refuge	889	...	28.0	4.3	39.8
294	118	Royal	274	+6	11.2	...	...
240	100	Sedgwick	181	+1	6.0	4.4	19.4
321	162	Steel Burrill	248	-3	13.2	7.1	15.7
232	53	Sturge Hldgs	60	...	8.2	18.3	6.1
358	214	Sun Alliance	346	+16	14.2	5.5	...
60	20	Trade Indemnty	60	+1	...	...	...
276	165	Transatlantic	275	+2	...	5.8	19.2
560	305	Utd Friendly	559	...	12.3	2.9	28.4
224	144	Willis Corroon	196	-7	13.2	9.0	22.0
21	14	Windsor	17	...	...	...	13.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1639	1218	Alliance	1639	+23	43.0	3.5	37.8
250	152	Amer Trust	250	+8	4.8	2.6	53.0
328	229	Ang & O'seas	328	+7	6.4	2.6	49.1
136½	98½	BZW Conv	136	...	7.8	7.6	15.9
148	104	Bankers	148	+1½	3.4	3.1	40.7
286	210	Baring Trbne	286	+10	6.2	2.9	46.0
172	116	Berry Starq	145	...	2.0	1.8	49.0
104	71½	Br Assets	104	+1½	4.1	5.4	25.5
60½	46½	Br Empire Sec	60½	+1	0.8	2.0	61.4
17	8½	-do- Wnts	14½	...	...	...	...
164	123	Br Inv	164	+1	4.5	3.7	41.2
1540	1200	City & Comm	1538	...	...	...	...
166	125	Contl Asset	166	+2	1.2	1.1	74.0
230	165	Derby Inc	168	...	16.6	13.2	-
225	140	-do- Cap	225	+5	...	...	...
104	65	Drayton Asia	104	+1	0.7	0.9	...
96	59	-do- Blue Chip	96	...	8.4	17.2	7.3
53	26	-do- Eng Ind	52	+5	1.2	3.1	76.2
93	61	-do- Far East	93	...	0.6	0.9	...
100	56	-do- Korea	99	...	...	...	...
612	473	Dunedin Inc G	612	+10	25.4	5.5	24.8
556	407	-do- Wrdwd	556	+16	9.5	2.1	57.3
278	203	Dundee & Lon	242	+5	12.0	6.6	22.5
61	36	EFM Inc Tst	48	...	4.8	13.5	8.6
54	40½	-do- Div Fl	53½	...	...	...	...
267	199	Edinburgh	267	+3	8.0	4.0	32.6
152	107	Electric Gen	152	+5	3.1	2.7	48.4
88	65	English Scot	88	+3	...	...	...
224	186	European Asset	223	+4	...	3.2	-
104	68	Finsbury 'A'	88	...	3.0	4.5	21.3
282	162	Fleming Amer	282	+4	0.7	0.3	-
403	302	-do- Claver	400	+3	10.7	3.4	-
232	173	Da Cond	232	...	2.8	1.6	...
162	119	-do- Entp	158	+1	4.5	3.8	35.5
225	157	-do- F East	224½	-1½	1.5	0.9	...
274	198	-do- Fledg	274	+5	3.0	1.5	...
113	81	-do- Hi Inc	113	...	5.8	6.8	19.2
164	100	-do- Japan	153	+2	0.3	0.3	...
265	197½	-do- Merc	264½	+6	6.7	3.4	37.8
232	165½	-do- Oseas	232	+4	4.0	2.3	55.4
219	150	Foreign & Col	219	+4	...	2.0	64.7
181	144	-do- Eurotk	181	+1	1.2	0.8	...
100	71	-do- German	97	+2	0.4	0.5	...
199	124	-do- Pacific	199	+2	1.7	1.2	...
137½	79	-do- Smaller	137½	+3½	...	1.8	67.8
205	121	GT Japan	160	+3	...	1.0	...
109	49	Genl Cons Cap	91	+3	...	...	...
123	96	-do- Inc	119	+1	...	10.5	11.0
137	63	Govett Am Smlr	137	+1	...	...	...
201	128	-do- Oriental	201	+2	0.9	0.6	...
234	150	-do- Strategy	234	+6	4.7	3.8	32.3
361	265	Greenfriar	361	+3	0.3	2.4	-
38	8	Gresham House	8	...	...	...	...
32	31	Independent Inv	31½	...	0.5	1.3	...
130	98	Inv Cap	130	...	5.1	5.2	26.1
95	67	IBS UK Smllr	88	+1	2.0	3.1	21.0
172	128	Kleinwort Chrt	172	+3	5.0	4.0	-
193	134½	-do- O'seas	193	+3	3.2	2.2	58.1
121	85	-do- Smlr	119	+2	...	4.5	23.5
567	433	Law Debenture	567	+6	...	4.2	29.8
169	137½	Majedie	168	...	...	3.8	32.5
240½	176	Merchants	240½	+1½	...	5.9	22.2
4712½	2437½	Merrill Lynch	4712½	+50	...	...	...
415	296	Monks Inv Tst	415	+10	6.7	2.2	55.9
112	81	Morg Gren Inc	112	+1	3.4	4.1	29.6
27	13	Do Warrants	22	...	...	...	...

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
46	33	Murray Euro	43	+1	0.4	1.5	...
10	4½	Do Wts	9½	...	...	...	...
310	223	Murray Incme	310	+3½	...	4.6	29.5
289	215	-do- Intl	289	+2	...	5.1	25.6
282	213	-do- Small	282	+2	4.0	1.9	60.8
109	89	-do- S/C Inc	102	...	...	14.2	0.7
86	54	-do- S/C Cap	77	+1	...	...	...
3050	2250	-do- S/C Uts	3050	+100	...	4.7	...
147½	113½	-do- S/C DP	146½	+3	10.3	5.5	19.8
254	189	-do- Vent	251	+3	0.2	0.5	...
62	44½	New Frontier	62	+1	0.7	21.8	10.7
103	61	Nwthrng Inc	76	+4	2.8	1.4	77.9
273	167	O'seas Inv Tst	273	+4	1.0	0.4	...
316	173	Pacific Assets	316	+4	...	...	...
216	80	Do Warrants	216	+5	...	...	...
8200	5700	Personal Assets	7900	+50	...	2.7	47.2
114	82	RIT Cap Ptnr	108	+2	1.1	1.4	48.9
119	96	River & Merc	119	+1	...	10.3	...
362	273	Robeco	362	...	...	3.4	...
357	268	Rolinco	357	...	...	2.1	...
238	194	St Andrew Inv	238	...	7.5	4.1	-
139½	108	Scot American	139½	+2½	...	4.2	32.1
833	429	Scot Asian	785	...	...	...	...
69½	49	-do- Eastern	69½	+½	1.4	2.7	48.9
196	147	Scottish	196	+1	4.6	3.1	-
192	135	-do- Mrge	192	+1	3.9	2.7	45.2
79½	48	-do- Value	79½	+1	...	3.2	55.5
1448	1066	Second Allnce	1448	+21	36.5	3.4	38.9
80½	61	Secs Tst of Scot	80½	+1½	3.2	5.4	26.8
118	78½	Selective Asset	118	+1	1.2	1.4	-
20	9½	Sphere Inv	17	+½	...	24.3	4.8
127	76	TR Far East	127	...	4.5	4.8	27.6
134	97½	TR City Of Lon	134	+1	4.7	4.7	28.1
128	70	TR Pacific	128	+2	...	0.3	...
27	14½	TR Property	21½	+1	1.4	...	64.0
60	18	TR Tech Inv	60	+3	1.7	3.9	29.8
163	96	TR Smlr Cos	163	+3½	3.7	3.0	47.7
300	226	Temple Bar	302	...	...	5.7	21.5
74	51	Thrmtn Asian E	74	+1	0.5	0.9	...
65	34	Throgmorton	65	+1	2.3	4.7	25.3
390	268	Throg Dual Cp	390	+2	...	...	...
181	137	USDC Invest	180	...	4.2	3.1	34.4
89	58½	Value Inc Tst	87½	+½	...	5.5	23.1
627	483	Whitbread Inv	582	+8	15.0	3.4	38.6
190	139	Witan	190	+4	5.6	3.9	-

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66½	2	Airbreak Leis	7½	...	...	...	0.7
337	172	Airtours	286	-3	7.2	3.4	10.1
90	18	Ald Leis	58	...	4.7	10.9	12.7
263	145	Anglia TV	197	-2	...	5.4	17.8
217	135	Barr & W 'A'	202	...	10.0	6.6	10.1
1175	795	Boosey Hwks	1175	...	20.0	2.3	16.8
113	70	Border TV	96	...	...	3.7	12.6
16½	4	Brent Walker	11	-1	...	...	...
15	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	2.1	...	...
448	200	Campari	277	...	...	5.3	7.5
226	125	Capital Radio	194	...	5.2	3.6	22.6
818	468	Carlton Comm	787	-3	...	2.9	22.7
223	120	Castle Comm	172	...	...	6.6	19.4
1825	1050	Central TV	1823	...	30.5	2.2	23.4
88	49	Chrysalis	73	-3	...	...	...
604	405	Compass Gp	594	...	12.3	2.8	16.7
350	273	Eurocamp	336	...	9.7	3.9	-
1693	873	Euro Disney	823	+18	...	1.5	...
170	1	Euro Leisure	6½	-½	...	...	12.2
36	11	Ex-Lands	20	...	...	...	...
10½	1	Expedier	1	-½	...	...	...
448	110	Fairline Boats	285	...	10.5	5.0	...
355	239	First Leisure	333	+1	6.1	2.5	-
393	250	GWR Grp	388	+3	...	2.4	-
170	91	Grampian	164	...	5.5	4.5	11.5
8	5	Greenwich Comm	6	...	...	...	...
92	13	HTV Group	26	...	3.7	...	...
208	30	Hi-Tec Sports	67	-8	5.5	...	4.2
18½	2½	Kunick	6½	...	...	...	...
321	220	LWT CP	321	-1	5.9	2.5	15.6
377	260	Man Utd	371	...	18.0	6.5	12.8
123	44½	Owners Abrd	116	...	3.5	4.1	-
40	19	The Pelican Gp	40	...	...	3.3	11.8
78	50	Prism Leisure	78	...	...	4.7	8.9
61	18	Quadrant Grp	19	...	4.0	...	2.9
319	274	Radio Clyde	318	...	...	3.6	24.9
177	125	Ramsdens (H)	135	...	...	4.4	19.9
461	202½	Scot TV	480	-1	...	2.3	29.6
66	40	Southern Radio	59	...	0.7	1.5	24.6
191	125	Stanley Leisure	180	...	...	3.1	15.2
13	4	Sunleigh	5½	...	...	...	...
195	136	Sunset & Vine	140	...	3.5	3.3	15.1
53	27	TSW	29	...	...	22.7	3.7
38	3½	TVS	38	...	...	...	3.2
383	136	Tanjong	383	...	...	...	72.1
200	134	Thames TV	179	...	7.5	5.6	5.1
118	75	Tottenham Hot	88	...	...	...	4.3
75	38	Trans World	67	...	...	...	...
297	154	Ulster TV	297	...	7.5	3.4	20.6
50	16	Wembley	19	...	1.8	...	...
18½	4½	Whitegate	16	...	...	...	...
191½	110	Yorkshire TV	130	...	12.0	12.3	-
136	80	Zetters Gp	103	...	8.0	10.4	10.4

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4112½	1800	Am Gold	2300	-21½	...	9.6	10.4
2237½	1000	Ang Am Coal	1200	...	...	8.5	5.1
2225	1012½	Ang Am	1475	...	...	5.2	9.2
13½	7½	Anglo Pac Res	12	...	...	...	...
110	33	Blyvoors	51	+3	...	13.5	2.5
25	11	Bracken	23	...	...	...	1.2
566	208	Buffels	275	-10	...	16.7	5.8
4½	1½	Butte	1½	...	...	...	...
631	437	CRA	595	+12	...	3.0	-
38	9	Cluff Res	15	...	1.0	8.9	22.4
1662½	981½	De Beers	1043½	+40½	...	...	8.5
125	37½	Deelkraal	51	+1	...	13.1	2.5
46	7	Doornfontein	10	...	...	...	...
759	388	Driefontein	465	-5	...	8.0	7.7
375	120	Durban	155	...	...	...	...
121	39	E Rand Gold	63	...	...	18.3	1.8
154	62	E Dagga	69	...	...	...	5.1
168	54	E Rand Prop	130	+27	...	...	...
470	117	Elandsrand	165	+5	...	8.3	-
535	272	FS Cons	415	+3	...	12.9	4.2
33	7	FS Dev	10	...	...	...	...
1491	606	GFSA	825	-5	...	5.4	11.7
5	4½	Geevor Tin	4½	...	...	...	...
222	121	Gencor	145	+2	...	6.8	11.3
42½	29½	GM Kalgoorli	40½	-1	...	3.4	9.9
11	2	Greenwich R 'A'	9½	...	...	...	...
89	44	Grootvlei	58	-3	...	20.4	-
368	78	Harmony	160	+5	...	...	...
281½	87	Harties	115	+5	...	...	3.9
11	5	Inocon	10	...	...	...	...
820	486	Impala Plat	540	+33	...	7.1	10.9
8	2½	Kenmare Res	8	...	...	...	...
795	282	Kinross	418	+18	...	13.5	4.1
624	293	Kloof	410	+7	...	4.8	6.3
60	21½	Leslie	37	+1	...	12.7	3.5
71	12	Loraine	16	...	...	...	...
128	90½	MIM	102½	+1	...	2.2	46.9
955	559	Minorco	955	+20	...	3.6	12.3
111	66	Nth Brkn Hill	100	+4	...	5.0	-
1203	598	Orange Free	890	-10	...	15.8	7.0
688	469	RTZ	671	-10	19.5	3.9	20.3
1287½	375	Rand Mines	550	...	...	11.8	2.3
230	75	Rand Mln Prp	95	...	...	19.6	4.1
334	136	Randfontein	192	+2	...	10.0	2.6
221	106	Renison	135	-2	...	3.3	13.1
1312½	812½	Rustnbrg	930	...	...	5.4	13.2
410	183	St Helena	285	-5	...	10.1	-
1287½	475	Southvaal	650	+12½	...	10.0	-
60	17½	Stilfontein	38	+2	...	19.9	-
183	43	Unisel	76	+6	...	4.4	6.8
4000	1500	Vaal Reefs	2400	+25	...	10.6	-
324	154	Welkom	228	...	...	16.0	6.3
99½	26	Western Areas	35	...	...	...	...
2375	587½	Western Deep	837½	+9½	...	8.5	-
225	164	Wstrn Mining	193	+2	...	2.6	...
630	255	Winkels	385	+7	...	2.9	2.8
70	16	Zambia Copper	70	+2	...	...	...
45	18	Zandpan	18	...	...	...	5.0

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
400	228	Abbey Panels	233	...	0.1	0.1	18.1
125	90	Airflow Stream	120	...	...	...	...
123	56	Appleyard	101	+2	7.8	10.3	74.6
215	130	Bletchley Mtr	215	...	8.2	7.3	12.1
145	115	Brotrom	132	...	6.0	6.1	35.9
379	100	Br Aerospace	287	+13	25.0	...	6.1
378	303	Caffyns	328	...	11.5	4.7	43.7
139	95	Central Mtrs	108	...	...	5.1	-
48	15½	Cook (DC)	22	...	...	3.0	...
188	99	Cowie (T)	187	...	4.8	3.5	14.1
133	75	Dag Motors	93	...	5.7	8.2	11.0
128	85	Davnpt Vern	127	...	4.0	4.3	-
237	130	ERF	231	+26	4.0	...	...
281	163	FR Group	281	+8	6.6	3.2	13.4
3250	1500	Ford Motor	3250	+37½	...	...	...
2600	1681½	General Mtr	2587½	-12½	...	1.9	...
96	43	Henlys	89	-1	3.0	4.5	...
760	465	Honda Motor	759	-1	...	0.7	...
31	10	Jacks (Wm)	21	...	...	...	...
95	49	Jessops	80	...	4.5	7.5	...
225	68	Kwik-Fit	110	-3	3.3	4.1	10.9
315	175	Lex Service	315	+5	10.0	4.2	...
128	74	Lookers	109	...	6.2	7.9	-
153	77	Lucas	151	+2	7.0	6.2	...
258	169	Pendragon	240	...	6.0	3.3	21.4
175	103	Perry Gp	116	+3	9.0	10.3	20.7
130	56	Quicks Group	130	...	3.0	3.1	24.0
176	89	Rolls-Royce	134	+4	7.2	7.2	25.3
160	99	Vardy (Reg)	138	...	4.0	3.9	21.1
145	93	Westland	142	+2	4.2	4.0	12.6

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
125	73	Adscene	121	...	4.0	4.5	12.7
390	315	Black (A&C)	330	...	13.0	5.3	19.7
578	398	Blenheim Gp	550	...	9.0	2.1	21.0
330	248	Bristol	291	...	11.5	5.3	21.6
8300	5900	Daily Mail	8000	+25	13.0	2.2	18.0
8300	5800	Daily Mail 'A'	7975	...	13.0	2.2	18.0
296	193	Dorling Kind	290	+4	...	1.4	27.7
365	224½	EMAP	341	-1	...	2.9	22.1
978	533	Euromoney Pb	978	+20	29.5	4.0	-
288	155	Haynes Pub	288	...	6.0	2.8	12.2
235	140	Headline	233	...	10.0	1.7	25.9
183	105	Home Counts	125	...	8.2	8.8	23.6
6½	2	Intl Bus Comm	3½	...	...	...	...
14½	6½	Int Cm & Dat	6½	...	...	...	...
430	285	Independent	430	+5	...	4.7	14.6
473	289	Johnston Press	473	+5	5.5	1.6	22.3
258	186	Metal Bulletin	258	+6	7.4	3.8	20.8
125	49	Mirror Gp	116	...	...	...	11.0
1384	509½	News Corp	1384	+32	...	0.3	23.3
740	258	News Intl	740	+13	3.9	0.7	12.8
459½	297	Pearson	370	...	...	4.2	17.4
615	340	Portsmth Sund	614	+24	8.6	1.9	15.8
675	447	Reed Int	675	+9	16.0	3.2	22.4
126	61	Southnews	117	...	...	1.7	34.5
120	29	Sterling Pubs	104	+2	...	2.8	39.4
361	274	Telegraph	361	+1	...	3.7	14.3
815	566	Thomson Corp	715	...	25.2	4.7	12.1
347	222	Trinity Intl	336	+2	...	3.3	19.8
62	29	Unit Group	34	...	...	...	...
537	323	Utd Nwspprs	529	+6	21.0	5.3	18.1

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	6	Aberdeen Petr	13½	...	...	...	13.8
19½	11½	Aran Energy	19	...	...	...	...
68	23	Arcon Intl	41	...	...	...	...
53	27	Aus Oil & Gas	51½	+½	...	...	...
290	20	Aviva Pet	55	+7	...	...	...
48	8	Beverley	13	-½	0.6	...	...
195	105	Br Borneo	165	-1	7.1	5.7	18.2
295	223	British Gas	287	+3	...	6.2	13.2
304	182	Br Petroleum	269½	+8½	...	5.3	53.1
6½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
741	460	Burmah Castrl	712	+9	24.0	4.5	16.3
75	21	Cairn Energy	41	+2	...	...	...
246	164	Calor Gp	239	...	12.0	6.7	15.7
10	6½	Caspen Oil	6½	...	...	...	...
80	20	Clyde Pet	46	+1	1.2	...	...
16½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	10½	...	...	...	...
467	297	Enterprise	458	+9	15.7	4.6	32.6
103	25	Exp Co Louis	73	+1	...	...	...
37	14½	Fairhaven Intl	22	+½	...	1.1	8.9
89	36	Goal Pet	61	+1	1.2	2.7	11.5
31	5	Gt Western Res	28	+2	...	...	...
146	77	Hardy O & G	135	+5	1.0	1.0	42.4
5	1½	KCA Drilling	2½	...	...	...	...
27	7½	Kelt Energy	22	...	...	...	...
263	112	LASMO	161	-2	8.5	7.0	20.8
163	63	-do- Units	81	...	15.0	24.7	...
51	11	Mid Scot Res	19½	...	...	...	...
40½	27	Monument	40	...	...	...	41.7
18½	5	New London	8½	-½	...	...	...
35	17	Nth Sea Assets	24	...	0.7	4.2	6.3
37	25	Oil Search	30	...	...	...	...
16	8	Pennz	13	...	...	...	...
102	57	Plet Pet	101	...	...	...	14.0
31	10	Premier	28½	-1	...	...	12.6
198	40	Presidio	75	...	...	8.4	...
95	308	Ranger	318	...	...	1.5	...
5850	4162½	Royal Dtch Pt	5850	+45½	...	5.2	16.3

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
263	103	API	263	+3	7.5	3.8	22.9
290	123½	Arjo Wiggins	185	+9	8.5	...	14.8
440	365	Abbott Mead	440	...	8.4	2.5	22.5
3	¼	Acnis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
128	15	Aegis Gp	20	...	5.8	...	6.5
210	105	Aspen Comms	210	+5	...	3.1	23.8
13	7	BBB Design	8½	...	...	...	...
319	180	Bemrose	319	...	11.7	4.9	16.3
80	23	Birkdale	24	...	0.2	1.1	20.5
136	80	Bunzl	136	+4	4.0	3.9	11.2
269	147	CIA Gp	264	+3	...	1.9	17.5
51	36	City of Lon	49	...	...	9.2	10.2
40	1½	Clarke Hooper	1½	...	...	...	...
206	135	Cropper (Jmes)	174	...	3.0	2.3	19.8
41	6	Crown Comm	6	...	...	...	...
60	30	Delyn Pckaging	57	+1	1.4	3.4	11.2
140	78	Dolphin Pack	117	...	4.5	5.1	13.6
74½	42	Dudley Jenkins	44	...	...	...	11.4
15	9½	Elswick	13½	...	0.2	...	11.2
68	38	Fairway Group	47	...	...	8.9	12.5
286	211	Ferguson Intl	277	+3	12.5	6.0	16.0
86	25	Flotex	85	...	...	0.6	21.1
48	6	Flnch	19	...	...	...	2.1
71	47	Gibbon Lyons	70	...	...	9.5	13.7
301	194	Gold Greenless	301	...	8.3	3.7	23.0
53	27	Goodhead	27	...	0.5	2.5	...
160	32½	Hartterprint	67	+7	...	...	...
198	133	Jarvis Porter	195	...	4.4	3.0	21.3
50	13	Lopex	25	...	...	...	10.4
263	133	More O'Ferrall	229	...	13.2	7.7	14.1
68	27	NMC Group	68	...	1.2	...	13.4
86	58	Osborne & Little	69	...	4.3	8.4	8.8
189	132	Quarto	179	...	5.2	4.7	10.3
343	231	St Ives Gp	325	+6	5.2	2.1	22.2
245	115	Saatchi	192	+11	...	...	...
754	391	Sappi	443	...	...	6.8	6.3
14½	1½	Settl	13½	+1½	...	...	...
43	3	Shandwick	27½	-½	...	...	...
351	233	Smith David	328	-2	9.5	3.9	14.5
335	210	Smurfit Jeff	260	-7	...	0.6	8.8
263	171	Stat-Plus	203	+3	7.1	4.7	14.7
19½	10½	Taylor Nelson	18½	...	...	1.1	38.9
65	37	VTR	43	+1	...	10.5	12.3
115	31	WPP	68	+2	...	...	...
195	48	Wace	79	...	8.2	13.9	8.7
221	158	Waddington (J)	217	-1	7.5	4.9	16.4
575	391	Walmough	575	...	10.5	2.4	26.0
4	¼	Waverley Cam	¼	...	...	...	...
6½	1½	Westport	6	...	...	...	21.5
32	12	Whitney Mcke	16	...	...	...	...
75	51	Wood (SW)	74	+14	0.2	0.5	...

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3½	1½	Abaca Group	1½	...	...	...	...
86	28	Allied Lon	56	+9	3.5	8.4	48.3
70	55	Arcadian	59	...	...	...	...
73	34	Asda	64	...	2.0	4.2	23.8
141	64	Avonside	93	...	...	8.1	7.5
2450	1887½	BCE	2437½	+12½	...	...	...
478	268	Bilton	432	+3	18.0	5.6	15.6
45	23	Bourne End	24	...	1.0	5.6	...
165	108	Bradford	165	+2	4.4	3.6	15.0
36	11	Bredero	19	...	...	...	1.8
275	110	Br Land	230	+9	6.3	3.8	32.1
188	108	Brixton	180	+7	8.1	6.0	13.7
55	44	Burford	46	...	0.9	2.8	24.0
125	86	Cap & Regnl	120	...	...	1.1	...
200	75	Cardiff Prop	120	...	2.4	2.7	-
433	103	Chesterfield	222	...	18.5	...	15.7
80	9	City Site Ests	21	...	1.4	...	...
40	8	Clarke Nickolls	16	...	0.3	...	3.9
32	8	Clayform	12	...	...	...	...
880	785	Daejan	853	+13	25.0	3.9	13.3
4½	¼	Dares Estates	1½	...	...	...	...
76	30	Debenhm Twsn	73	+1	2.5	4.6	25.5
10	1	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
135	76	Dencora	78	...	5.5	9.4	...
540	263	Derwent Hldgs	308	...	8.6	3.7	36.5
250	170	Estates Agency	187	...	3.0	2.1	17.1
98	6	Estates Gen	23	...	3.7	...	7.2
143	100	Evans Of Leeds	132	...	4.1	4.2	12.7
31	11	Five Oaks	15	+½	...	...	...
55	28	Fletcher King	32	...	1.0	4.2	23.1
332	188	Frogmore	331	...	15.0	6.0	17.3
125	51	Grainger	102	...	5.2	6.9	...
182	84	Gt Portland	146	+3	10.0	9.7	14.5
15	6½	Greycoat	11½	...	5.2	...	...
129	63	HK Land	113	+6	...	4.5	19.0
48	19	Hambro Cntyw	41	-1	0.0	0.2	...
388	180	Hammerson	300	+7	10.0	4.4	30.5
503	165	-do- 'A'	282	+8	10.0	4.7	13.9
190	69	Helical Bar	143	+5	4.0	3.7	...
30	20	Hemingway	22	...	...	...	...
175	85	Herring Baker	87	...	7.0	10.7	...
225	135	Jermyn	138	...	1.5	1.5	...
495	343	Land Sec	495	+14	21.7	5.9	15.0
83	62	Lon Merch Sec	83	...	3.6	6.1	13.3
3½	1½	Lon & Metro	2½	...	...	...	...
411	196	MEPC	379	+14	20.0	7.0	15.9
6½	3	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
145	76	McKay Secs	90	...	6.7	...	14.8
50	3½	Markheath	3½	...	0.5	...	...
133	8	Merivale Mre	19½	+1	1.0	6.6	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5	...	...	...	...
46	27	Montfield Est	33	...	...	0.4	...
1075	580	Mountview	775	-30	18.0	3.1	7.9
9	2½	Mowat	2½	...	...	...	...
137	101	Mucklow (A&J)	125	...	5.9	6.3	16.5
53	33	New Cavendish	50	...	...	...	26.6
117	31	Olive Hldgs	31	...	9.0	...	4.7
30	7	Ossory Est	8½	...	0.1	2.4	2.4
103	8	Power Corp	8	...	...	...	0.8
111	54	Prop Security	105	+2	3.7	4.8	20.6
122½	14½	Property Trust	32	...	...	...	...
4½	¼	Raglan	2½	...	...	...	...
68	1½	Regalian	12½	-½	1.5	15.7	2.3
10½	3½	Rosehaugh	7½	...	...	...	...
175	125	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.3	1.4	26.6
25	12	St Modwen Prp	25	+1	0.5	2.9	15.0
46	21	Savills	46	+2	...	...	...
72	18	Scot Met	45	+3	1.5	4.4	...
62	39	Shaftesbury	57	...	...	...	...
30	2	Shield	10	...	...	...	...
26	11	Sinclair Gldsm	14	...	0.5	3.5	...
248	83	Slough Estates	177	+4	8.1	6.2	10.0
78	36	Southend Prop	60	...	4.1	9.3	30.3
20½	2½	Speyhawk	15	...	...	...	...
39	9	Stanhope Prps	20	...	...	...	...
85	58	Town Centre	84	...	3.1	4.9	16.4
61	35	Trafford Park	59	+1	2.5	5.6	15.0
33	7	UK Land	22	+3	...	...	...
7	4	Union Square	4	...	...	...	...
217	119	Warner	194	+4	10.5	7.5	-
245	185	Warnford	187	...	7.2	5.2	12.6
8	1	Waterglade	7½	...	...	...	...
91	23	Wates	45	...	3.7	11.1	11.4
44	17	Wood John Da	42	+1	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	9	Automagic	12	...	...	...	...
100	42	Headlam	100	+1	2.4	3.2	39.6
365	285	Lambert	390	...	12.5	4.3	10.2
111	63	Pittard Garnar	90	...	1.5	2.2	11.9
41	18	Strong & Fisher	22½	...	1.0	5.9	6.3
193	88	Stylo	142	...	2.5	2.3	...

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
455	362	Allied Text	453	...	12.6	3.8	-
73	47	Beckman (A)	63	...	4.7	10.1	12.5
32	23	Bolton Gp	25	...	...	...	12.7
162	138	Br Mohair	148	+4	8.5	7.7	11.7
117	30	Celestion	117	...	1.2	1.4	...
41	15	Charwell	20	...	0.4	2.7	...
337	186½	Claremont Ga	308	+1	...	1.6	21.2
574	364	Courtauld Text	569	+8	13.0	3.0	16.8
248	160	Dawson	245	+8	9.0	4.9	23.9
59	17	Drummond	29	+2	1.5	...	7.7
60	17½	Dunkeld	33	...	...	...	...
73	60	Faupel	72	...	...	4.1	7.1
68	24	Foster (John)	30	+1	0.5	2.2	...
142	84	Gaskell	85	...	8.5	...	...
178	99	Hicking Pntcst	178	+5	3.4	2.5	15.1
73	38	Jerome (S)	46	...	1.0	...	...
389	215	Lamont	291	...	...	5.5	14.3
587	308	Leeds	586	+2	11.0	2.5	18.9
41	15	Lister	29	+2	0.1	0.5	...
122	81	Lyles (S)	110	...	4.9	5.9	12.5
94	53	Parkland 'A'	94	...	2.0	2.8	...
93½	63	Readicut	93½	+2	3.4	4.9	18.6
71	30	SEET	48	+9	...	...	...
91	67	Sirdar	83	...	5.1	8.3	14.4
51	29	Stirling Gp	45	...	1.6	4.9	18.7
59	31	Stoddard	46	...	2.8	7.6	12.3
312	198	Tomkinsons	300	+2	11.5	5.1	25.9
5½	3	West Trust	3½	...	8.9	...	...
335	160	Yorklyde	335	+5	9.7	3.9	13.6

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1010	606	BAT	983	+10	33.6	4.6	26.0
669	480	Rothmans 'B'	615	...	10.2	2.2	14.1

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
440	211	Assoc Br Ports	391	+4	8.0	2.7	...
816	531	BAA	787	+17	14.5	2.5	13.9
315	219	Br Airways	296	+7	10.1	4.6	7.9
182	45	Clarkson (H)	73	...	8.0	...	3.5
101	11	Davies Newman	23	...	...	...	...
498	293	Eurotunnel Uts	435	+27	...	...	...
88	44	Fisher (James)	44	...	5.5	...	12.3
140	70	Graig	130	+1	4.5	4.4	...
203	147	IoM Steam	160	+2	...	6.3	7.7
39	22	Jacobs (JI)	31	...	1.9	8.2	18.5
53	41	Lon O'seas Frts	41	...	1.2	4.1	2.5
1512½	1237½	Manchstr Sh	1300	...	4.5	0.5	5.3
311	190	Mersey Docks	288	-5	6.0	2.8	15.9
210	168	Natl Express	205	+1	...	4.6	13.5
290	216	NFC	272	...	6.5	3.2	20.7
357	170	Ocean Group	290	+12	14.3	6.6	13.1
63	31	Ocean Wilson	58	+6	...	7.4	10.7
565	296½	P & O Dfd	565	+8	30.5	7.2	19.8
156	97	P & O 5 1/2%	135	+5	...	5.4	...
516	267	Powell Duffryn	516	+6	22.6	5.8	20.6
138	96	Seacon	137	+12	...	5.1	-
59	23½	TIP Europe	28	-½	1.4	6.7	6.8
87	24	TNT	37½	...	...	...	...
743	495½	Tibbet & Britn	740	...	...	1.9	24.6
478	214	Tiphook	366	-1	17.3	6.3	7.3
307	208	TDG	280	+1	9.5	4.5	17.0

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
502	308½	Anglian Water	471	+1	19.3	5.5	8.5
591	336	Northumbrian	558	+5	20.5	4.9	5.8
513	323	North West	469	+3	19.6	5.6	8.2
479	298	Severn Trent	457	+2	19.3	5.6	6.7
485	301	Sthrn Water	464	+2	19.5	5.6	8.2
1300	670	Sth Staffs	1270	...	40.2	4.2	8.2
524	306	South West	492	+3	21.7	5.9	7.4
518	324	Thames Water	481	+1	19.2	5.3	8.1
546	337	Welsh Water	515	-1	21.4	5.5	5.9
596	358½	Wessex Water	564	+5	...	4.6	7.6
547	336	Yorkshire W	519	...	10.5	5.0	8.4

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4312½	3025	Schlumberger	4100	-9½	...	1.9	...
59	41	Seafield	51	...	...	...	...
577	435	Shell	577	+8	33.9	4.8	23.2
206	110	Sunrise Eng Sv	200	...	...	...	...
19	8½	Teredo	9½	...	...	...	...
82	26	Triton Europe	40	+1	...	...	9.3
172	131	Woodside	154	...	...	2.3	...

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TRAVEL NEWS

The airport is fighting against its 'bucket and spade' image by wooing commercial traffic, reports **Harvey Elliott**

Gatwick really means business

A £4 million campaign to persuade business travellers throughout Europe to use Gatwick airport will be launched tomorrow. It follows the completion of the British Airways takeover of Dan-Air with the switching of all short-haul European services from the south to the north terminal at Gatwick, where they will link with long-haul flights and, for the first time, enable passengers to transfer between the two in a single terminal.

With the help of new pay scales, which have reduced some salaries by more than 20 per cent and streamlined operating procedures, BA is confident that it can turn its Gatwick operation, which is likely to lose almost £60 million in this financial year, into profit within the next three years.

"We plan to get the business traveller to try our service," says Dan Brewin, the head of BA's operation at Gatwick. "Once they have tried it they will keep coming back, but until now many have seen Gatwick simply as a holiday airport."

In reality, 55 per cent of Gatwick's passengers travel on scheduled services and only 45 per cent on charter flights — figures which belie Gatwick's image as a "bucket and spade" airport.

"It has become a habit for many business passengers to go to Heathrow," says Gatwick's managing director, Allan Munds. He was shocked by a recent survey which showed that a majority of business travellers living in Brighton — half an hour away by road or rail — sweep past Gatwick and head instead for Heathrow because they wrongly believe that the former does not provide a full range of scheduled flights.

"It has been difficult to market the advantages that the airport has because many airlines split their resources and have been reluctant to push Gatwick at the expense of Heathrow," Mr Munds says. "At last BA is showing that it is committed to Gatwick and is determined to make a success of the base."

At least five airlines which tried to provide scheduled services from Gatwick — Laker, British Caledonian, British Island Airways, Air Europe and Dan-Air — have gone out of business, reinforcing the widely held view that it is economically impossible to run a successful operation from Gatwick.

SIMON TOWNSLEY



Making tracks in an aerial son et lumière: Gatwick flight-paths photographed at night by time exposure. Some 20 million passengers came this way last year

Mr Munds, however, says that despite the problems, 20 million passengers used Gatwick last year, a drop of only 5 per cent from its peak of 21 million in 1989-90. British Airways is confident that it can boost those numbers sharply.

"Already a quarter of our passengers transfer from one flight to another," Mr Brewin says. "Now we are fully installed in the north terminal we believe that this will rise to a third." The transfer of the old Dan-Air services to the north terminal will mean that British Airways has 23 short-haul European services timed to link with 25 long-haul flights. At peak times it will have 380 round-trip short-haul services operating from the airport and another 170 long-haul flights — one every three minutes.

Transfer time has been reduced from an hour and half to 45 minutes at most.

"This is the one thing that we have been waiting for," Mr Brewin says. "Many airports around the world have proved successful because they can operate a genuine "hub and spoke" service — flying connecting passengers in on one wave and then out again on another. We can now do this at Gatwick through a single terminal, and together with our lower cost base, this should enable us to make a profit within three years."

Some carriers will have to move out of the north terminal to make room for BA. The new north terminal handles 8.5 million passengers a year and the BA move will add another 1.25 million.

Virgin's flight from suitor

NOT all airlines are as enthusiastic about Gatwick as British Airways, *writes Harvey Elliott*, and Virgin Atlantic is moving out of the West Sussex airport as fast as it can.

"Our focus will have to be on Heathrow in future," says Virgin's managing director, Syd Pennington. "You only have to look at the list of airlines which have gone bust to realise that they all had one thing in common: they were based at, and operated solely from, Gatwick."

In the long term, Virgin hopes to be able to operate its flights to Newark and Boston from Heathrow, leaving only the "holiday" routes to Miami and Orlando at Gatwick. Nonetheless, Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic — which is expected shortly to announce losses of almost £10 million in the past year — is to begin charter services from Gatwick to Athens in April.

Mr Pennington says that the new service will "tell us a great deal about European operations", but he adds that the airline has no immediate plans to expand services into Europe.

Before Virgin can move more services to Heathrow, however, it needs not only the slots to enable it to begin a service, but a guaranteed take-off time throughout the year. However, appeals to the European Commission for changes in the slot allocation procedures, together with attempts to persuade British Airways to give up some of its slots at the busy airport, have so far failed to produce a solution.

Within the next month the EC is expected to make its views known on new procedures for slot allocations, and detailed talks are being prepared with British Airways following last week's meeting between Richard Branson and the BA chief executive, Sir Colin Marshall.

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TO TRY to boost Australian tourism, Qantas (0345 747767) is offering five nights at a first-class hotel in Sydney, including flights, from £860. Included in the deal is a cruise around Sydney harbour and a visit to Sydney's aquarium. One stopover in Asia in either direction and one free Qantas flight within Australia are included in the price. Outbound flights must be taken between April 1 and June 30 1993.

Russia with love

THE demand for two-centre seven-night holidays in Russia at prices from £298, including return flights from Gatwick, half board hotels, transfers between Moscow and St Petersburg and a full programme of excursions, has led Seasun Tentrek (0206 871212) to lay on two additional departures, on April 4 and 18. The holidays usually cost £523.

Price challenge

THE German national airline Lufthansa, which sold an additional 400,000 European tickets in two weeks by cutting intra-European prices to £99 return, has promised to match any rival's published fares until the end of March.

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Skypass takes off

Sabena, the Belgian airline, says its new Skypass "season ticket" has proved a success, with 90 per cent of its users switching from other airlines. The Skypass, aimed at business travellers between Heathrow and Belgium, gives 30 days' unlimited economy-class travel for £499.

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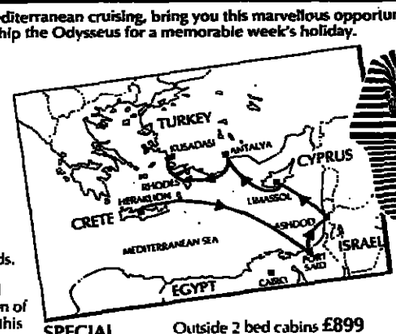
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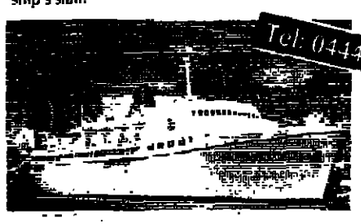
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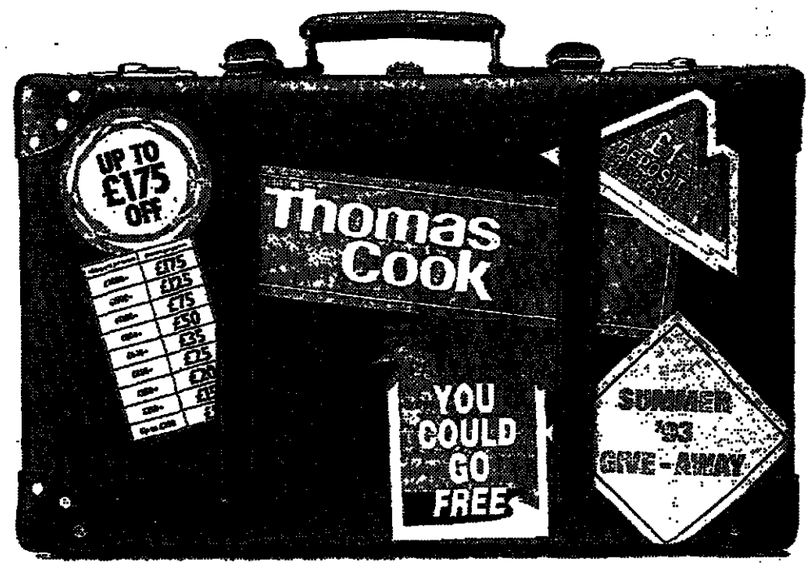
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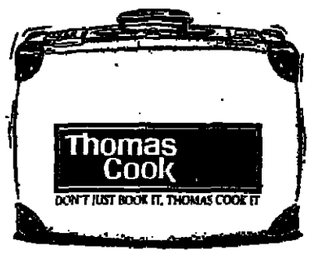
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Tour chiefs turn green

Tourists are being encouraged to cause less damage to the environment, reports

Peter Victor

The presentation next week of international awards for environmentally friendly holiday organisers will be a landmark for the "green" tourist industry. Dismissed until recently as marketing hype or the obsession of sandal-wearing vegetarians, green tourism is fast moving into the mainstream.

A total of 64 entries for the third year of the Tourism for Tomorrow awards highlights the increasing awareness among hard-nosed travel companies that environmentally aware tourism is good for business.

Dr David Bellamy, the conservationist and chairman of the judging panel, says: "As tourism will soon be the world's biggest industry, good management is essential for the welfare of the world's environment." The argument for green tourism is reflected in sponsorship for the awards by British Airways, the British Tourist Authority and the Tour Operators' Study Group.

Entries come from various sectors of the travel market. One of the finalists is the Londolozi game reserve in South Africa, a 14,000-hectare game reserve which borders the Kruger National Park in the eastern Transvaal. Another entry involves the renovation of derelict barns in the Shetland Islands for use as camping huts. Though the two projects seem worlds apart, both have the aim of conserving the land and wildlife of their respective areas.

The winners, to be announced next Tuesday, will be in three categories: the UK, continental Europe and the rest of the world. There will be one overall winner. The organisers say such schemes are based on commonsense. Those not convinced by that argument are increasingly swayed by the commercial implications.

Noel Josephides, the chairman of the Association of Independent Tour Operators, warned his members last month that environmental laws coming out of the EC will include a tax on carbon emissions from cars taken on self-drive holidays.

"The industry doesn't take environmental issues seriously enough," Mr Josephides says. "All it's had on its mind recently is survival."

Tour operators featuring any of the mass-market Mediterranean destinations can offer a "green" product with the right planning, says Green Flag International, the conservation agency. Dick Sisman, the chairman, says: "We have developed an environmental underclass in the UK. Our major government agencies and well-developed voluntary sector are far too élitist. Their policies and action are relevant only to a small, mainly rural, relatively wealthy section of the community."

A company that donates money to conservation charities for each passenger it carries is not necessarily doing anything itself for the environment. The resources it features in its holidays are the real issue. Sunvil Holidays, for example, offers its clients accommodation in simple village houses in Cyprus as part of a project which aims to revive "dying" rural communities.

The Africa specialist, Wildlife Safari, meanwhile, is careful to avoid excursions that "put the local people up as tourist curios", and Simply Travel does not pay its representatives commission, taking away the incentive to sell mass-market excursions to the remote countryside and antiquities of Crete and Turkey. Instead clients are encouraged to explore using local transport.

Edward Paine, the managing director of the Venezuela specialist Last Frontiers, climbed one of the table mountains in Venezuela last year with the aim of putting the excursion in his brochure. When he saw the damage already done by tourists, he changed his mind.

It is difficult and expensive to print highly coloured brochures on recycled paper. Several firms, however, such as the Travel Club of Upminster, use paper from sustainable forests and send out documentation on recycled board. Eurocamp, the camping specialist, completed an environmental audit of its equipment last year and now gives used camping gear to Feed the Children in Bosnia and Albania, and to a French charity in Cameroon, instead of throwing it away.

Thomson, which carries three million passengers a year, is the first of the market leaders to take visible steps towards conservation. All Thomson clients this summer will be sent information with their tickets on how to be a "good tourist", offering simple dos and don'ts and energy-saving ideas.

But Thomson is unlikely to take a more heavy-handed attitude with its suppliers. Paul Thornton, the company's recently appointed environmental manager, says: "The issue is so huge, to conduct an environment audit on all the hotels we feature would take years and need resources we don't have."



Green shoots: a baboon in the Londolozi game reserve in South Africa

Plea for the Alps

EUROPEAN environment ministers have been urged to sign international legislation to protect the Alps before pollution and unrestricted tourism destroy their unparalleled beauty.

The vast eco-system of the Alps has 12 million inhabitants and thousands of species of flora and fauna but has been transformed over the past 30 years into the world's biggest playground attracting a quarter of the world's tourism revenue.

Although all the alpine countries signed a convention aimed at protecting the Alps in 1991, it will not be ratified until the end of 1993 at the earliest.

Skiers are staying in hotels that could be firetraps because of inadequate safety precautions

Danger off the slopes

Skiers are risking their lives in death trap hotels, according to the Consumers' Association. Following a survey, to be published today, of 14 ski hotels in Austria, Switzerland and Italy, the association says that traditional wooden hotels with inadequate safety features are like tinderboxes primed for disaster.

In the latest edition of its magazine *Which?*, the association says that tour operators have been indifferent to customer safety. *Which?* says six of the hotels surveyed had unprotected stairways which should have been sealed to stop smoke funnelling from floor to floor; seven had no alternative stairs for guests who would be trapped upstairs in the event of fire, and four had fire exits which were blocked or locked.

"Many of these hotels are potential death traps," Simon Hinde, the *Which?* senior editor, says. "Tour operators have too often shown themselves indifferent to customers' safety. They must use their financial muscle to force hotels to make desperately needed improvements."

The Rendlhof hotel in St Anton, Austria, is singled out for criticism by the association, which describes it as particularly dangerous. *Which?* says that the hotel has no evidence of a fire alarm system, inadequate emergency lighting and escape signs, and poor fire fighting equipment.

Ski West, the tour operator using the hotel, said yesterday that it had no holidaymakers there and it had suspended bookings pending the outcome of discussions between the hotel's owner and the association on improvements to its safety.

"We are very concerned, clearly, but we are slightly puzzled," a spokesman said. "The Rendlhof is a relatively new building and to describe it as a tinderbox is a very emotive term. This is our first year at the hotel and we satisfied ourselves that it had the relevant fire certificates from the local authority. The owner is slightly astonished that the Consumers' Association is picking up every detail like this when Austria has given her a fire certificate."

Martin Brackenbury, of the Tour Operators' Study Group (TOSG), said that tour companies in Britain relied on local safety standards in destination countries. "The EC has no agreed standards. The surprise is that these problems are found in countries such as Austria that have such high standards on aspects of personal safety and security."

He added that TOSG was working on ways of establishing a central record of properties used by its members. He was critical of *Which?* saying: "What I find deplorable is they don't let us have this information immediately it comes to them. Lives are at stake."

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France gets tough with boating laws

British boat owners, and anyone considering renting one on holiday in France, will first have to prove their sailing skills in the wake of new laws designed to enhance safety at sea.

Until now, Britons and other foreigners have been exempt from a requirement for French citizens to hold a sea "driving licence" as proof of their competence at the helm of motor-propelled boats. Now, the French have decided to insist that anyone who drives a powered boat off their shores must first prove their ability to handle their craft.

Similar laws already apply in some European countries, among them Germany, Italy, Spain and Greece, but not in others, including Britain. The new rules are expected to cause confusion as those who automatically carry their sea driving licences are waved through the checks, while British boat hirers or owners have to undergo a test before being allowed out to sea.

Anyone not holding a licence who now wants to drive craft of up to two tonnes, powered by engines between 6hp and 50hp, within five nautical miles of a harbour in day-time must qualify for a sea certificate (*carte mer*). Beyond that — blue-sea voyages, for instance, or offshore racing — an additional, new, *permis mer* is required. Yachts, even with auxiliary engines, or craft powered by motors under 6hp, are exempt.

Any contravention of the rules could lead to sailors being banned, "temporarily or permanently", from navigating from French ports or within territorial waters.

The authorities say they will accept "recognised equivalent" forms of certification, which can be interpreted as those licences issued by other European countries. Boating Britons who have so far shown willingness to sit the French exams for the new permits have been told, however, that as non-citizens they cannot be granted these documents should they pass. A "certificate of competence" will be provided instead.

The crackdown comes as accidents at sea multiply alarmingly. Last year 58 people died in the French Mediterranean and rescue services went to the aid of 3,890 people. The French action also highlights the need for a single EC regulation covering all member states.

TONY ROCCA

Don't forget, keep taking the tablets

Serious illness is endemic in many parts of the world (see illustration). Prudent travellers visit clinics well before they start their journeys

Millions of British tourists and business travellers risk contracting serious disease by ignoring medical advice, refusing vaccinations or abandoning courses of drugs before they have completed them.

Despite progress in eliminating smallpox, leprosy and other diseases that used to be endemic in many parts of the world, the World Health Organisation is worried about a sudden resurgence of tuberculosis, cholera and a drug-resistant strain of malaria. Tuberculosis, the WHO says, has made a "powerful comeback", even in developed countries, where public health authorities have become complacent; world wide the disease is contracted by eight million people every year, of whom three million die.

Malaria kills a million people a year and 100 million suffer from it. In Britain last year, 1,182 cases were reported, all contracted overseas. A global cholera epidemic — now in its third year — has affected a million people.

The biggest problem of all is food poisoning. There were 31,352 cases in England and Wales last year and 3,905 of the sufferers were infected abroad.

Dr Ron Behrens, a consultant at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases in London, says: "Many people travel the world completely unaware that there is a risk to them of any kind. I am particularly concerned that the new European Community directive on package travel makes no mention of the need for travel agents or tour operators to provide information about the potential health risks in the countries their clients may be visiting.

"Few conditions can be prevented solely by tablets or vaccines," Dr Behrens says. "What matters is a good knowledge of the problems that may be faced and how to avoid them, including, especially, a change in the behaviour of the traveller."

Last year 12 people died of malaria in Britain; the Hospital for Tropical Diseases treated 400 cases. "A survey we conducted among our own patients in 1991 showed that more than 60 per cent had not taken their tablets properly or had abandoned the course too early," Dr Behrens says.

He is convinced that the system for disseminating information about travel-related diseases is inadequate. Pharmacists, he claims, are interested mainly in dispensing drugs, GPs are often unaware of particular problems in each country and travel companies are unwilling or unable to give advice. Travellers, whether on business or leisure, should visit recognised travel clinics and learn how to avoid disease, as well as how to treat the symptoms and take preventive medication.

Dr Eric Lefevre, of the Thomas Cook travel clinic, says, for example, that a recent outbreak of meningitis in Saudi Arabia means that Muslims going there for the hadj should be vaccinated. Tom Dick, of Merieux, a drug company, "guardedly recommends" a rabies vaccine for anyone visiting remote areas of Thailand.

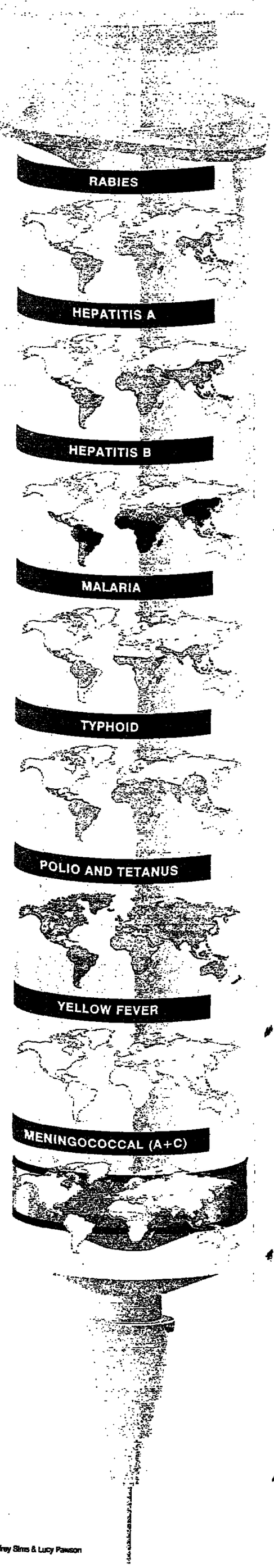
Merieux found in a survey at Heathrow and Gatwick that 72 per cent of travellers questioned wanted more readily accessible information before they travelled.

The cost of obtaining all the essential vaccinations and drugs — against such hazards as TB, hepatitis, polio, malaria, meningitis and tetanus — is about £50, for which most business travellers can be reimbursed by their employer.

"If you go prepared, you can avoid just about everything," Dr Behrens says.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

● *Travel clinics are run by Thomas Cook (071-408 4157), British Airways (071-439 9584) and Trailfinders (071-938 3999). The London Hospital for Tropical Diseases runs a health line, giving advice on travel to specific countries (0839 337733, 48p a minute peak rate, 36p a minute off peak).*



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CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** on Louis Malle's first British-based film, *Damage*. Plus Jarman's *Wittgenstein*

And father makes three



In the firing line: (left to right) Jeremy Irons, Miranda Richardson, Rupert Graves and Juliette Binoche in Louis Malle's film of Josephine Hart's novel, Damage

Damage
Curzon W/End, Empire, Barbican, Gate, Chelsea, Odeon Kensington 18

The Public Eye
Plaza, 15

Honey, I Blew Up The Kid
Camden Parkway, Clapham Picture House, MGM Oxford Street and Odeons West End, Kensington, Swiss Cottage U

The End of the Golden Weather
MGM Haymarket, PG

Folks!
Odeon Mezzanine, PG

After a year of tabloid nonsense about sex therapists, the sucking of toes and flirtatious smiles cast at Downing Street caterers, you might expect succulent scandal from Louis Malle's riveting and long-awaited **Damage**.

Consider its plot. A Conservative MP, on the verge of being appointed minister of health by a bland, bespectacled PM, throws away his career, self-respect and stale home life for an obsessive affair with his son's fiancée. Off he trots with chauffeur and car for lunchtime trysts: when she and his son visit Paris, he is at the hotel across the street. They make love on the floor, over the kitchen sink, and in an alley. Very occasionally they use a bed.

But anyone hoping for steamy scenes will be disappointed. Malle, making his first British-based production, has often dealt with violent emotions and social taboos: yet he directs with a scalpel, not a blowtorch. He examines behaviour with critical detachment: and Peter Biziou's cool camera never plays the voyeur. In any case, how high can the flames of passion soar when the hero of Josephine Hart's novel is played so carefully by Jeremy Irons, swivelling in his chair with clipped words and cold eyes?

Occasionally Irons's brusque responses prompt laughter and incredulity. But in Juliette Binoche's *femme fatale*, a diplomat's daughter with a French mother, Malle presents someone potent enough to ensnare the mightiest and most aloof in the land. Black, short hair swept upwards, she traps Irons's eyes at their first meeting at an embassy party. Her history is troubled: a doting brother slashed his wrists on her behalf 15 years ago. "Remember," she counsels the besotted MP, "damaged people are dangerous. They know they can survive."

Which is more than their affair can do. Tension rises as Irons wades deeper into deceit with his affable son, a political journalist (Rupert Graves), and his stoic wife (Miranda Richardson). Where the sex scenes force us right inside the couple's affair, communal meals with family and prospective in-laws (Ian Bannen, Leslie Caron) beautifully convey the public spectacle: wounding words, painful pauses and the icy clink of cutlery.

Since scriptwriter David Hare excels at anti-establishment tirades, we might have expected ranting speeches about British hypocrisy. But he keeps the peace, and chisels Hart's first-person novel into tight exchanges ideally suited to Malle's precise eye. At the end, all is tragedy and disgrace: and when Miranda Richardson's spurned wife finally lets rip, unleashing emotions which upper-class breeding bottled up, the effect is devastating.

At times *Damage* is uncomfortable to watch. But it grips the attention and pricks the mind with its forceful look at deceit, lust and the consequences. You emerge disturbed and chastened.

The Public Eye, on the other hand, never shakes us up. By rights it should. For here is the tale of a Forties' tabloid photographer — a fictional cloak for the celebrated Weegee, who prowled New York's night streets for a corpse or a car crash, something gruesome to splash over the morning papers. Here, too, is Joe Pesci as the crabbed, dishevelled loner, desperate for love and artistic recognition.

If the visual style had matched the rough, glaring images of Weegee's photos (some of which surface as the hero's own), Howard Franklin's film might well have lurched into disreputable life, like some B-movie of old. But it comes embalmed with airless artifice. The art direction is boringly immaculate; the photography drenched with predictable, nostalgic brown hues. There is not enough bustle.

The script brings its own problems. The plot awkwardly slipped into the atmospherics is dull and it is hard to believe Barbara Hershey's nightclub queen could fall for this squat, seedy figure.

For Franklin, *The Public Eye* was clearly a labour of love: you can tell that from the fancy trappings, the melancholy air. The pity is that the film became such a labour to watch.

Honey, I Blew Up The Kid could not be easier to watch, especially if you are a rambunctious two-year-old with a destructive bent. Imagine rampaging round your Nevada suburban home, seven feet tall, as your scientist dad, elder brother and pet terrier scuttle to safety. Imagine striding 100 feet tall, tiny adults shouting "Oh-oh!", scattering to left and right. Thanks to back-room wizards, puppeteers, and impish twins called Daniel and Joshua Shalikar, Disney's sequel to *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids* makes these dreams come true.

For the older set, there is Rick Moranis's accident-prone dad to enjoy, and a sappy spot of teenage love. Greybeards will have a harder time, though they might pick up echoes of Fifties' sci-fi romps. Less ambitious than the original film, which was top-heavy with special-effects, *I Blew Up the Kid* toddles along amiably enough, raising no great stir, but causing little offence. Randal Kleiser directed.

The child at the centre of **The End of the Golden Weather** is twelve-and-a-half, from New Zealand, and normal size. In the summer of 1936 he makes friends with a mentally defective innocent with a burning desire to succeed at the Olympics.

For period recreation, Ian Mune's film cannot be faulted. Hideous green carpets, vintage radios and Kellogg's cornflakes packets: the film has them all. There is also a winning performance by Stephen Fulford as the freckle-faced child. Then the attractions dwindle: Stephen Papps's one-dimensional playing makes the unbalanced Firpo a bore, and arch whimsy intrudes upon genuine humour and charm.

Ted Kotcheff's **Folks!** offers interminable attempted jokes about senile dementia, physical humiliation and death. Writer Robert Klane has reached the bottom of the bad taste barrel. Don Ameche valiantly plays the failing old-timer; Tom Selleck is the son who loses a testicle, a toe, and much of his own sanity trying to keep charge. Horrible.

Inside the heart of of this great mind

Arthur Gibson sees the first public showing of Derek Jarman's film about a great philosopher

There is something boring, narrow and inaccessible about much modern philosophy. So how could anyone even consider making an entertaining film about it? And could such a film be made in 12 days, with limited funds, by a director who confesses he knows almost nothing of the subject? The answer is, surprisingly, yes. Because Derek Jarman has done just that with his *Wittgenstein*, a film about the Austrian-born British philosopher who died in Cambridge in 1951. The film is brilliant: variously intense, light, distressing, funny.

Jarman, who attended the film's first public showing at the Cambridge Arts Cinema last Sunday, says he "very much wanted to develop a form which could introduce an audience new to philosophy to one of its most difficult thinkers". This is a film that entertains *and* invisibly teaches.

Jarman's strategy in the film is elegant: it starts with the child prodigy, who then reappears throughout the film without aging, as a sort of inner-self of the adult Wittgenstein, played by Karl Johnson. This is apt because of the child-like aspects of Wittgenstein's adult philosophising. He would press the most obvious of questions, as in the film: what would it look like from our point of view on earth if the sun went around the earth? A green martian appears in dialogue with the child to discuss his questions. Together they counter-poise the adult Wittgenstein's severity and anguish.

If there is a slight imbalance it is that the film stresses the anguished Wittgenstein out of proportion to his strident, almost military, confidence when he was on good form. What is impressive is the way in which quite significant pieces of philosophy are sensitively placed in the dialogue. Even with the lighter side of Wittgenstein's sharp irony, Terry Eagleton's script integrates it well, drawing from reports of Wittgenstein's comments. Lady Ottoline Morrell (a friend of Bertrand Russell's) worries about what Wittgenstein will do with the rest of his life now that he has produced a philosophy: "I shall start by committing suicide," he replies.

The film moves evenly through main events in Wittgenstein's life, centring largely on Cambridge (where he was professor of philosophy), which he is said to have regarded as a brothel. Wittgenstein had grown up in Vienna, son of a multi-millionaire, in a house frequented by famous artists such as Strauss and Klimt. The film is opportunist in its examples, with serious comedy: we need to hear no more than that Wittgenstein spent a year in the same history class as Hitler to sense the dynamics of a stability which was chaotically unhinging under his social surface.

The anguished instabilities that break out in the family are caught well by Jarman in the recurrent family cameos which structure the film. In the opening family scene, the family is dressed surrealistically in the garb of Roman aristocrats, with the child Wittgenstein in modern dress, highlighting the anachronism in his relations with his family and their values.

Jarman tended to abandon strong emphasis on narrative in the 1980s, but in this film the central role of discussion shows him returning and breaking new ground. The script avoids pitfalls in handling technical philosophy, and Bertrand Russell is a ready aid here. He had found his intellect backed with ease into a *cul de sac* by the student Wittgenstein. The film displays the sparring between the two with subtlety and humour.



Ludwig Wittgenstein: Derek Jarman's film captures his essential spirit

Behind his bright blue eyes, though, Wittgenstein was a man in disarray about love. There has been sensationalist treatment concerning the question of Wittgenstein's homosexuality. Does Jarman balance this aspect of his subject as the footnote it is? Central to this topic is a small scatter of easily deciphered coded remarks thinly spread over almost 100 notebooks. Jarman condenses this issue into a fictional character, "Johnie", a sort of amalgam for this aspect of Wittgenstein's life. The camp Maynard Keynes hangs around, politically central though personally peripheral to Wittgenstein. And, as such, this homosexual element is dealt with in due proportion to the role which one can, as yet, cull from disputed sources. For Jarman to have placed it precisely as he does, while highlighting some of the philosophical concerns of Wittgenstein's life, is an aesthetic achievement.

● Wittgenstein *has its London premiere at the National Film Theatre on March 20 and opens at the ICA on March 26*

CINEMA HISTORY: **David Robinson** on the magical pioneer Georges Méliès

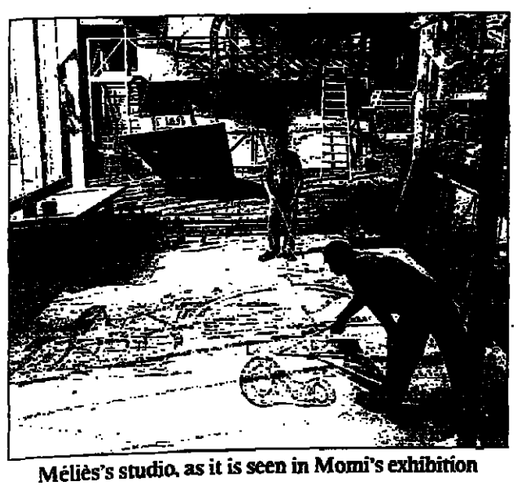
First fantasist of the movies

This week the Museum of the Moving Image launches its exhibition "Méliès: Father of Film Fantasy", which will be accompanied, throughout March, April and May, by a retrospective of more than 100 films. No other film artist from the archaic period of cinema — he made his last film in 1913 — could justify this kind of revival; but Méliès's vivacity, wit, ingenuity and visual distinction triumph over time.

He was born in 1861, the son of a Parisian footwear tycoon. Sent to London in 1884 to learn English, he saw Maskelyne and Cooke's magic shows at the Egyptian Hall and determined to become a magician; he bought a theatre in Paris.

In December 1895, at the preview of the Lumière Cinématographe, he saw moving pictures as a novel attraction for his magic shows. When the Lumières refused to sell their invention, he bought a rival apparatus from the English inventor Robert W. Paul and created his own camera.

Within weeks he was showing his own films: and made a profound discovery. Méliès perceived that the film-maker was not limited to the world as it appeared before his camera, but could rearrange it to his liking: the cinema became a dramatic and narrative medium.



Méliès's studio, as it is seen in Momi's exhibition

The magician's instinct led him to discover the whole repertory of cinema trickery: fast motion, stop action, appearances and disappearances, superimpositions and double exposure. The enduring charm of his films is the creative fantasy with which he uses his inventions. Pretty chorus girls are metamorphosed into butterflies, heads and limbs become detached from their owners.

Méliès tried every genre: fairy-tale, melodrama and recreations of actuality (when cameras were not allowed into the coronation of Edward VII he restaged the ceremony on film for the British market). His most enchanting creations, however, are his science-fiction burlesques — cross-breeds between Jules Verne and Belle Epoque ballets.

Méliès built the world's first true film studio at Montreuil-sous-bois, where he was producer, director, writer, designer and frequently star. By 1913, however, the growth of the first industrial empires put an end to the artist-artisan film-makers. At the end of the first world war he was penniless.

In the late 1920s he was rediscovered, tending a kiosk on the Gare Montparnasse. His work was recognised once more: the Surrealists, in particular, loved the images and inconsequence of his fantasy. Méliès died in 1938, in a home for cinema veterans.

Devised by Leslie Hardcastle and designed by Neal Potter, the Momi exhibition triumphantly captures the essence of Méliès. Photographs and drawings from the films are displayed among full-size recreations of Méliès settings and a detailed model of the Méliès studio.

● Méliès: Father of Film Fantasy, *at Momi, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 3232) Until June 12. Open daily 10am-5pm (last admission). Normal prices, or £10 to include admission to the Méliès exhibition plus film screenings (from March 2) and a dossier.*

"SUPERB MOVIEMAKING ... IMPECCABLE AND BRILLIANTLY ACTED. MALLE IS A MESMERISING STORYTELLER." NEWSWEEK

Jeremy Irons
a film by Louis Malle
Juliette Binoche



Desire. Deceit.
Damage. 18
Miranda Richardson

IN THE WEST END FROM FEBRUARY 5 AND NATIONWIDE FROM FEBRUARY 19

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

RIGOLETTO: Jonathan Miller's classic "mafioso" staging has been going strong for a decade since its first outing. This revival, billed as the last ever, brings together a formidable team of company regulars, among them Jonathan Summers in the title role, Arthur Davies as the Duke, Rose Mannion as Gilda (sharing the role with Susan Bullock), Richard Van Allan as Sparafucile, and Mark Elder in the pit.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm.

DEATH OF A FAUN: Trained dancer Nicholas Johnson plays Nijinsky, alone in his asylum on the day of Diaghilev's funeral, remembering his lover and destroyer. One-man play, with dance, by David Pownall.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3655333). Opens tonight, 7.30pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs (Feb 11), 2.30pm, Sats 4pm, until Feb 13.

GREASEPAINT: Though titled "Not the Japanese Season" this is the first of three modern Japanese plays, with Frances de la Tour as an actress beset with troubles, including the son she abandoned. A tremendous hit in Tokyo.
Lyric, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Previews from tonight, 7.45pm, opens Tues, 7pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

THE PRISONERS OF WAR: *The first openly gay play presented on the London stage, astonishingly permitted by the Lord Chamberlain in 1925.* Love almost dares to spell its name among young officers immured in a Swiss hotel. J.R. Ackerley's only play.
New End Theatre, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (071-794 0022). Opens tonight, 8pm, then Tues-Sun, 8pm, mat Sun, 4pm, until Feb 20.

RED BYRD: The early music group presents a programme of vocal music by Henry Purcell alongside works by Pelham Humfrey and John Blow. Red Byrd also appears at St James's Church, *Piccadilly on Saturday* (7.30pm).
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm.

RUSKIN AND TUSCANY: Ruskin's most famous Italian connection, both as critic and as artist, was with Venice. But his interest in Tuscany, especially in the four important cities Florence, Lucca, Pisa and Siena, was hardly less significant. This show consists of some 270 items, including drawings by Ruskin himself, work commissioned by him, books, photographs and documents of all kinds illustrating Ruskin's view that the roots of much later European art and architecture lay in Tuscany.
Accademia Italiana, 24 Rutland Gate, SW7 (071 225 3474). Today-Sat, 10am-5.30pm, until Saturday.

REGIONAL

ABERDEEN: The Kevin MacKenzie Quartet led by the jazz guitarist and featuring Julian Arguelles gives the first of three Scottish dates. On Saturday they play at the City Hall Club, Glasgow, and on Monday, at Edinburgh's Music Box.
The Lemon Tree, 5 North West Street (0224 642230), 9pm.

BRISTOL: The Old Vic's spring season opens with a new production of Shakespeare's comedy **A Midsummer Night's Dream** directed by Ian Hastings and featuring a team of wandering musicians on stage.
Bristol Old Vic, King Street, Bristol (0272 250250). Opens tonight, 7.30pm; then Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm.

GLASGOW: **Scottish Ballet** revives *Peter Darrell's production of the* Tchaikovsky classic *The Nutcracker*, following its successful performances in Japan. In today's matinee performance Bolshoi soloist Vladislav Bubnov makes his British debut with the company as the Prince.
King's Theatre, Bath Street (041-227 5511). Today, 2.30pm and 7.30pm, season continues until Feb 13.

HARROGATE: Lord Ensworth at bay. Giles Havergal's clever adaptation of P.G. Wodehouse's comic novel, **Summer Lightning**, is given a bright production by Andrew Manley.
Harrogate Theatre, Oxford Street (0423 502116). Tues-Sat 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm, until Feb 20.

NOTTINGHAM: Kenneth Haigh as the tramp currying favour with Michael Praed and Jonathan Lermit in Pinter's **The Caretaker**.
Playhouse, East Circus Street (0602 419419). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **BARNUM**: Agreeable showbiz musical, with Paul Nicholas walking the high wire. Bouncy numbers by Cy Coleman and Michael Stewart.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

■ **CAROUSEL**: Joanna Riding and Michael Hayden star in a triumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammerstein fairground musical.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins.

◩ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC**: Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◩ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA**: Rattigan's play on infatuation gets into high gear. Strong performances by Penelope Wilton and Linus Roache; exemplary production by Karel Reisz.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

■ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON**: Peter Shaffer's latest: bloodthirsty revenge versus forgiveness on a modern Greek island. Deep issues, iffy treatment but Judi Dench is powerful.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. 165mins.

■ **HAMLET**: Kenneth Branagh superb in Adrian Noble's first-class production. Uncut version.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 12.30pm and 6.30pm. 270mins.

■ **HAY FEVER**: Very funny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND**: Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

■ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.15pm, mats Thurs, Sat 2pm. 115mins.

☐ **IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY**: Larks in the hospital common room, matron *outraged, doctors flummoxed.* Ray Cooney farce with lots of laughs.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 135mins.

◩ **KING LEAR**: Solid, respectable performance by Tom Wilkinson in a low-powered staging by Max Stafford-Clark. With Saskia Reeves, Hugh Ross.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 195mins.

☐ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN**: Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

◩ **THE LAST YANKEE**: Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Zoe Wanamaker, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm. 75mins.

☐ **LOST IN YONKERS**: Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good *value as a loopy aunt*.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

☐ **MISERY**: Sharon Gless and Bill Paterson in ridiculous but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

◩ **MR CINDERS**: Samuel West and Sally Anne Triplett help spread more than a little happiness in the Vivian Ellis charmer reversing the Cinderella story.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3.30pm. 150mins. Extended to March 7.

◩ **OUR SONG**: Peter O'Toole in Keith Waterhouse's play about a menopausal male's infatuation with a young woman. Neatly done though we only hear the man's point of view.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.45pm. 135mins.

■ **RICHARD III**: Ciaran Hinds takes over from an injured Simon Russell Beale for the final two weeks of the run in Sam Mendes's memorable RSC production.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 195mins.

☐ **THE SET UP**: Kerry Shale's *tour de force*, playing all the tough characters in this classic American poem about fixed fighting in Twenties New York.
Gate, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

☐ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT**: William Gaunt (replacing Simon Cadell), John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◩ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . ◩ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) . . ☐ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)**: Arts Theatre (071-836 2132) . . ☐ **Dancing at Lughnasa**: Garrick (071-494 5085) . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) . . ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) . . ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) . . ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . ◩ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

Ticket information from Society of West End Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

ANNABELLE PARTAGEE (18): Paris ballet student hesitates between lovers. Ferociously dull sexual drama. Writer-director Francesca Comencini; with Delphine Zingg, Francois Marthouret.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561).

◆ **BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA** (18): Gary Oldman as the Transylvanian legend, preying on Victorian London. Visually audacious, but cold to the touch. Francis Coppola directs. With Keanu Reeves, Winona Ryder.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

TRIPLE BOGEY ON A PAR FIVE HOLE: Writer gets entangled with *eccentric siblings on yacht circling* Manhattan. Slim pickings from independent film-maker Amos Poe.
ICA (071-930 3647).

CURRENT

CHAPLIN (12): A skilled impersonation by Robert Downey Jr., but Richard *Attenborough's bitty biographical epic* never penetrates far inside the man or his career.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

L.627 (15): The Paris police drugs squad's daily routine: stake-outs, violence, paperwork. Vividly filmed by *Bertrand Tavernier, though too long for* its material. Starring Dedier Bezace, Nils Tavernier.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ **MIDNIGHT STING** (15): Rival conmen lock horns over a boxing contest. Ugly, crowd-pleasing fare, with James Woods, Bruce Dern, Louis *Gossett Jr. Director, Michael Ritchie*.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

NIGHT AND THE CITY (15): Small-time lawyer Robert De Niro turns boxing promoter. Restless, disappointing remake of the 1950 classic. With Jessica Lange. Director, Irwin Winkler.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

◆ **RESERVOIR DOGS** (18): A jewel robbery goes haywire. Quirky tale of betrayal, loyalty and violence from bright new talent Quentin Tarantino. Stars Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

SCHTONK! (15): Boisterous comedy based on the Hitler diaries scandal. Muted as satire, but enjoyably plush. With Götz George, Uwe Ochsenknecht; director, Helmut Dietl.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

SWEET EMMA, DEAR BOBE (18): István Szabó's piercing portrait of disordered life in post-communist Budapest: his best film in years; strong performance from Johanna Ter Steege.
Metro (071-437 0757).

◆ **SINGLES** (12): The love problems of Seattle twentysomethings. Engaging, upbeat entertainment, nicely portrayed (Kyra Sedgwick, Campbell Scott, Matt Dillon). Writer-director Cameron Crowe.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

A WINTER'S TALE (12): A Paris *hairdresser's quest for true love. Eric* Rohmer near his best: elegant, clear-eyed, realistic. A film laced with magic.
Minema (071-235 4225) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** is cheered by a strong performance in a sombre evening

Picking over love's bones


DONALD COOPER

Anne-Marie (Harriet Walter) and Michel (Larry Lamb): ex-husband and wife, who have their first meeting for three years at a hotel

La Musica
Hampstead

Marguerite Duras is the most emotionally inquisitive of playwrights. For her, drama is subcutaneous pot-holing. Somehow she gets into her characters' arteries and circles their bodies, visiting remote regions of the heart and brain, journeying through the glands, burrowing into the stomach and liver, and all the time radioing back reports on any shift in the psychological temperature or change in the biological climate. There is only trouble with that feat, a sadly obvious one. The plays that so inward-looking a writer produces are likely to be dauntingly long on sensitive analysis, awfully short on the cut-and-thrust of drama itself.

That is not so blatantly the case with Duras's expanded version of her one-act *La Musica* as with some of her other plays. When Anne-Marie has a late-night meeting in a French hotel with her ex-husband Michel, whom she has not seen for three years, some tension and conflict are inevitably in the air. Are they still alive, those old angers, those old desires? Will there be a quarrel or a rapprochement and, if either, how far will it take them? Yet somehow those questions are never urgent enough to seize the attention. The tone is ruminative, elegiac, and, I think, meant to be so.

The effect is of a doleful post-mortem examination of a love that got lost, mislaid or, more probably, foolishly thrown away. Though she has technically survived a suicide attempt and his abortive *crime passionelle*, Anne-Marie talks of herself as if she was already a corpse; and so, more explicitly, does Michel. "We were found dead, together, lying on the ground," he says in one of the more outré parts of Barbara Bray's translation, remembering the mutual infidelities, the rows, and the violence that caused their neighbours to call the police. They are each thinking of getting married again, but what sort of life are their new spouses going to have with these skeletons?

Geraldine Pilgrim's fine set, with its grey columns and foggy atmosphere, looks as much like an updated version of the Capulets' tomb as an upmarket hotel lobby; and the two principals, in dark coat and dark mac respectively, are nothing if not sombre. And there, of course, is a problem for them and their director, Joseph Blatchley. How to inject variety into obsequies whose course, like that of all such rituals, is in some ways pretty predictable?

Both Harriet Walter and Larry Lamb valiantly sustain that glum intensity without which Duras wouldn't be Duras. True, Lamb makes little attempt to obey her instructions to the actor playing Michel — "terrifying, like lightning, like truth, like passion, yet one loves him like a child" — but then neither his talents nor her script really encourage anything so speciously electric. Instead, he plays the defeated monomaniac that Duras actually created. He is the sad-sack object of a more interesting and complex character's love.

Walter's Anne-Marie is what Michel says, "gentle, fierce, helpless yet trusting", and more. She combines vulnerability and pain with the curious aloofness that has obsessed him and, perhaps, destroyed their marriage; and I cannot think of another English actress of her generation who could do so with such truth and quiet distinction. Here, if anywhere, is the evening's justification.

Searching examination of voices and hearts

Hilary Finch finds emotional and philosophical parallels in the apparently different programmes given in London this week by two eminent singers

After such knowledge, what forgiveness? The question of the role of art in a time of war and *atrocity continues to be asked; and* within the last three days, two singers in London have offered their own answers.

At the end of her BBC lunchtime recital at St John's, Smith Square (which is to be repeated on Radio 3 at 6.30pm on Sunday), the Yugoslavian mezzo-soprano **Marjana Lipovsek** gave as an encore Mahler's "Urlicht", the short piece of folk poetry which rises *de profundis* towards the end of his Second Symphony. Its aspiration for eternal life, even as "Man lies in deepest pain", was dedicated to her fellow countrymen.

She had sung four Mahler songs from the same collection of folk poetry, *Des Knaben Wunderhorn*, earlier in the recital. Hers is such a faultlessly integrated mezzo, with such distinctive and rich expression in its low and middle registers, that a wide range of feeling and nuance is characteristically contained within long stretches of serenity.

This had heightened the sense of wonderment in her first three Schubert songs, each one an invocation of peace after struggle. It led, too, to an interesting and irresistible gloss on the frequently coyly sung fable, "Antony of Padua's sermon to the fishes". Lipovsek's humour was dry, her tone cool: the fish loved the sermon — and returned to go on with their fishy lives . . .

POULENC's was a musical *résistance* in the war years in France. His re-creations of the elusive, sometimes surreal poetry of Aragon and Paul Eluard made a unique contribution to the French *sensibilité* of the 1930s and 1940s. A celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the composer's death led **Felicity Lott** and **Graham Johnson** to devise the exceptionally well sculpted programme of his songs from 1918 to 1961 that they brought to the Wigmore Hall on Tuesday.

The Eluard settings were of the 1937 *Tel jour telle nuit* and the 1938 *Tu vois le feu du soir*. The French language seems part of the very air Felicity Lott breathes, and her response to the even pace and wide space of "Bonne journée" was instinctively and perfectly judged in a gliding legato. Life here, too, goes on.

The energy bouncing from one apparently disconnected word to another in Jean Cocteau's "Cocardes" was answered as readily by Lott and Johnson as by Poulenc himself. Whether in a glinting, brittle moment or in an attenuated phrase, Lott's soprano became the music itself. This repertoire, which demands a uniquely distanced intensity, is one in which she excels. Her final long Cocteau monologue, "La dame de Monte Carlo", and her tiny Shakespearean encore, "Tell me, where is fancy bred", confirmed her artistry. Johnson accompanied both singers, tuning his fingers sensitively to the contrasted weight, measure and character of each.

CONCERT REVIEW

Uncertain sort of start

LPO/Welser-Möst
Festival Hall

THE South Bank's Schubert series has barely started, and already there is cause for mild rebuke. Give us rare Schubert, minor Schubert and teen-age-scribbler Schubert by all means. But please ensure that each concert contains at least one cast-iron Schubert masterpiece. He wrote plenty.

The first half of Tuesday's London Philharmonic programme, for instance, should never have been allowed off the drawing-board, if there was a drawing board. Here were three vocal works written in his teens, preceded by the tenor solo "Intende voci" which, though far more accomplished (it was written a month before he died) is hardly substantial in length or ambition.

Connoisseurs might have relished such an esoteric medley, but what of the broad mass of the audience that had been attracted to the series by the promise that it would reveal the genius of Schubert? The implicit message to them was: "Tonight's Schubert is small beer, we agree, but why don't you come back on May 25 for the Ninth Symphony?" To add incongruity to inconsequentiality, the second half comprised Stravinsky's *Firebird*, which has about as much relevance to *Schubert as an onion to a rose*.

If the Schubert performances had been of top quality, the programme might still have stood up. But while the LPO played with a smooth distinction (the woodwind obbligatos were admirably polished), the vocal contributions were exceedingly rum.

Soprano Lynne Dawson made heavy weather of the sunny runs in "Totus in corde langueo", but perhaps her breathing was affected by Franz Welser-Möst's relentlessly brisk and unyielding speeds. *He does not seem a very courteous accompanist.* As for the Austrian tenor Kurt Azesberger, neither his basic vocal quality nor his control suggested he is ready for an international concert career.

Then there was the puzzling contribution of the London Philharmonic Choir to Schubert's Mass No 2, in G. Was this smothered, anaemic sound intended, or were the choristers all suffering from terminal lock-jaw? The Mass has its prosaic passages, of course, but this performance made it sound as exciting as yesterday's schnitzel. Only the Agnus Dei — where the bass Simon Keenlyside made a strong contribution and Dawson finally hit her best form in the anguished leaps of the soprano line — was worthy of a Schubert celebration.

The *Firebird*, played in the vast original orchestration, was sometimes imprecise in execution, but at least it *had spirit — and a terrific clout at the* end. The night finished in unexpectedly rousing style.

RICHARD MORRISON

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Where they still say 'Write on'



Established writers and playwrights, who are giving courses to help aspiring new writers through the Arvon Foundation: (left to right) P.D. James, Timberlake Wertenbaker and Stan Barstow

Thousands have benefited from the Arvon Foundation's encouragement since it was established 25 years ago to advise and help new writers. **Alison Roberts** reports

As the poet John Heath-Stubbs wrote: "I have come to the conclusion that this country is entirely inhabited by unpublished minor poets." To which might be added aspiring playwrights, crime novelists, screen dramatists, budding authors of short stories — amateur, but serious, jotters of all kinds. Not everybody wants to win the Booker Prize, but the desire to write creatively is undoubtedly widespread. Witness the newspaper advertisements promising crash courses in how to make lots of money simply by harnessing the "natural" ability to write.

Twenty-five years ago, two writers realised that there was no serious provision for this silent, unpublished mass. They understood the frustrations of the amateur writer, scribbling a few words in a coffee break or snatching an hour to write after work. A friend lent them a house in Yorkshire and the Arvon Foundation was born. It is a collective, running courses in three country houses where professional and often famous writers teach a handful of students and where a week's uninterrupted writing is made possible.

The initial, unashamedly "Sixties" vision was about individuals sharing and discovering talents with the help of "real" writers in an idyllic setting, such as writing-huts in the garden at Totleigh Barton, two miles from Sheepwash in Devon, or converted barns and weavers' cottages at Lumb Bank near Heptonstall in Yorkshire. The aim has not changed, but the foundation has grown. More than 10,000 people of all ages and levels of experience have passed through the houses. A few have since been published, others have simply had their confidence boosted.

There is no selection process and fees are relatively low; in any case, a bursary system can help in cases of hardship. This year writers such as Stan Barstow, P.D. James, Lesley Glaister and Timberlake Wertenbaker are each teaching one of the 54 courses which run throughout the summer. Arvon, which is funded by donations, an Arts Council grant and by fees, also runs a poetry prize open to anyone in the English-speaking world.

The Arvon write-ins make easy targets for the cynical. It is simple to portray students as overly-sensitive, talking earnestly about literature and their own writing, taking long country walks and exchanging Angst-ridden personal histories, eating a communal (probably vegetarian) supper, wearing sandals, and enthusing about the rural authenticity of the locals in the pub. But such bashing has been done; Arvon is 25 years old and has survived all the taunts of the metropolitan sophisticates.

One poet and Arvon tutor, Penelope Shuttle, says that the very Sixties-ness of the concept is its strength. "Yes, it was a Sixties idea, but almost every idea that is still working is, too. The energy then shook out and dug deep and important channels. Arvon has done that too and, I think, has played a significant role in the revival of poetry in this country." When the project was set up it managed to escape self-indulgence, says the foundation's national director, David Pease. "Although I see that it could so easily have been that," he adds.

> 'There is no selection process and the fees are relatively low'

John Fairfax, a co-founder of the foundation, says that the courses have become an important part of the literary calender simply because they fulfil a need and are unique. The opportunity to mix with like-minded people is both catalyst and safety valve; thousands of new ideas are produced and, more importantly, ideas can be freely voiced in the first place.

Shuttle calls the course "validating". "Arvon gives people permission to go on doing what they have been doing in isolation. They may experience silent criticism at home, but at Arvon houses there is mutual permission and corroboration of the act of writing."

The mix of students is eclectic: 75-year-olds share inkpots with 16-year-olds and the class backgrounds are also varied. Pease says that the range of talent is equally wide. "Some have a real feel for writing, others do not know if they have any talent at all, and some who think they have an enormous amount, discover that they don't and stop writing," he says.

Whether tutors can give students more than advice and confidence remains debatable. While Malcolm Bradbury's creative writing course at the University of East Anglia is selective and only takes pupils who show promise, students enter an Arvon course on a first-come, first-served basis. John Harvey, author of the Inspector Resnick novels, first came to Arvon as a student in 1975. He has now taught 12 courses, and says that it is wrong to assume that "you can pluck 16 people from Safeway and teach them to write.

"One of the most useful things we do is to spot things in work that the authors will not have noticed before. But there has to be a base of ability," he says. He remembers one student whose poetry was "extremely exciting". The protégé now contributes to Harvey's poetry magazine *Slowdancer*. Others do not have such a lucky stay at an Arvon centre, but may depart a better reader of their own work.

"The bursary scheme is extremely helpful. If fees were very high or if there was no subsidy available, all Arvon might get is the well-heeled retired or primary school teachers on holiday," Harvey says. Which is not to say that primary school teachers have no talent, but that it is the random sparks from unlikely people that make the teaching worthwhile.

Tutors are paid £400 for the four-and-a-half-day course. Not much for an exhausting experience which leaves a writer feeling "word-grey", says Fairfax. "We are on call 24-hours-a-day really. You need a week to recover afterwards, during which you cannot even write a letter."

Why do they come back for more? The question is answered in suitably poetic terms. "There is a fertility there," says Shuttle. "The spontaneity and the electricity is essential once a year," says Fairfax.

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ROCK

Sings sweetly enough

Zucchero
Hammersmith Apollo

Ammunition for the argument that Continentals do not understand rock comes in the moustachioed form of Adelmo "Zucchero" Fornaciari. To British ears, the Bolognese singer is Joe Cocker with an accent, conjuring up dreary memories of 1970s pub-rock and the clothes that went with it. But from Torino to Reggio di Calabria, Zucchero ("Sugar") is a superstar who out-sells Madonna.

What appeared to be London's entire Italian community turned out at the Apollo on Monday to scream the place down. (The few British fans were recognisable by their inferior dress sense.) To one familiar with Fornaciari's 1991 duet with Paul Young, "Senza Una Donna", the frenzied response as the top-hatted and sun-glassed Zucchero strode on stage was startling and not a little worrying. What bizarre sentiment, apart from nationalism, compelled the audience to shriek themselves hoarse over this adept but unremarkable rhythm 'n' blues stylist?

It could not have been the music. Although vimfully played by a band that included the renowned Memphis Horns, it was still generic bar-room funk. Numbers such as "Miss Mary", an organ-dominated gospel workout, and "Brick", a sleek (and good) slow blues, had few unique features. We could have been listening to anyone from the Stones to Dr Feelgood.

What did distinguish the tunes was Zucchero's decision to sing them in his native language. Enlightenment was provided by subtitles flashed on to a screen. These revealed a distinctly Italian slant on life: "At sunset, the raging sea climbed up to the moon," one read.

Paul Young showed up for "Senza Una Donna", bringing fans tumbling into the aisles. Young's boyish voice and Fornaciari's richer tones proved an alchemical blend that produced a moment of pure loveliness. It also demonstrated that you can turn a boy into a global rock star, but you can't expunge the Italian melodrama from his soul. Zucchero's hamminess would have made the late Divine blush.

The secret of Zucchero's success seems to be sheer power of projection and value-for-money sweatiness. Such qualities are to be found in almost every British pub groaner but must be rare elsewhere. Zucchero's reasons for expending a fine tenor voice on such over-loaded funk clichés are a mystery.

CAROLINE SULLIVAN

DANCE: A misconceived double bill fails to do justice to the performers

Bold step leads nowhere

CandoCo/NDT3
Queen Elizabeth Hall

This programme seems to me a daft way of starting the annual Spring Loaded season: sharing a bill between two companies which have nothing in common and which both lose by the juxtaposition.

CandoCo is a group of 12 performers, three of whom are wheelchair users. Nederlands Dans Theater 3, or NDT3, (reviewed on these pages a week ago from Nottingham), has four exceptionally good dancers in their forties or fifties. The idea is apparently to show that you need not be young and fit to dance. In practice it does not work out that way.

The agility of some of CandoCo's wheelchair users is amazing, especially that of the man who seems to have almost no legs but who can walk on his enormously powerful arms. When he abandons his chair for a kind of wrestling match, he looks as quick and strong as his ambulant opponent. But the show, *Flying in the Face of* . . . proves nothing about anybody's ability to dance, because the choreography is so poor.

Identified as a communal effort, it demonstrates that art is not made by committees. There are some good groupings, often bridge-shaped; there are moments of effective confrontation. But as a whole it just meanders: trite, banal and repetitive. The music by Steve Blau and David Hubbard matched the choreography only too well. There was much enthusiastic applause from the audience, as you would expect, for the performers' courage and good intentions.

The deficiencies of CandoCo were all the more obvious by comparison with NDT3, who followed them after an intermission: outstandingly fine — and fit — dancers with power and subtlety even if no longer young, in original work by interesting choreographers. But they and their audience suffered from this cackhanded programming too, because the dancers were unable to show the full range of their work within a single night. To bring one of Europe's most interesting companies to London and then to give it only half an evening seems insulting.

By giving different mini-programmes on Monday and Tuesday they did in fact manage to show all four of the works already enjoyed by audiences who have seen them on tour, plus one other: Hans van Manen's *Evergreens*, for Sabine Kupferberg and Gérard Lemaître, a vivid, lively, precise portrait of a couple locked into a loving but exasperated relationship. Now, please, the South Bank Centre must bring this excellent group back soon, and regularly.

JOHN PERCIVAL



CandoCo: The agility of some of the wheelchair users is amazing

TELEVISION REVIEW

Russian recipe uses strange ingredients

Whatever happens next in the three-part serial **The Mushroom Picker**, launched last night on BBC 2, we can be pretty sure about what we will end up feeling about the two countries in which it is set. The best thing to do with Russia is to stay away from it. The right place to be in England is not Hampstead, Islington, or anywhere else that genus "champaignus socialistus" has its opulent lairs.

The play has been adapted by Liane Aukin from a novel by Zinovy Zinik, who back in 1975 left his native Russia, first for Israel, then for London. Though it is set in the late Brezhnev era, its portrait of Moscow's impoverished apartment life would, if anything, be too gentle today. Meat has, after all, got more elusive, the queues even longer, the xenophobia and anti-Semitism worse. It is almost easier to imagine a woman selling her husband's favours for a joint of beef, and the beneficiary, caught in flagrante and savagely clubbed, expiring without benefit of doctor, nurse or, it seems, policeman.

The only oddity here was that the sexual vendor was a young middle-class Englishwoman, Clea, who had come to Moscow on holiday, fallen for the wildly unsuitable Kostya, and been foolish enough to marry him. But her romantic attachment to Mother Russia ("if it is good enough for the Soviet people, it is good enough for me") gradually foundered on the filth, the cockroaches, the endless waiting in the snow, the hunger, and her husband's prophecy that they would soon be eating rats. By the time he had been beaten up for displaying Jewish sympathies, and her neighbour murdered, she was ready to return to capitalist England.

The character was too artless and gullible to be entirely credible, but Lynsey Baxter played her beautifully, with a touching mix of vulnerability and wan decency. The effect was of a white mouse earnestly surviving in the land of the alley-cats. Nigel Terry, who played Kostya, also had a plausibility problem to overcome. How to flail about the small screen, saying things like "I am Russia in my stomach, that is my tragedy," without infecting the watching millions with the wrong sort of laughter?

Notwithstanding a suspect accent, at times floundering somewhere between Margate and Omsk, Terry achieved a nice balance of the absurd and the awful. His Kostya was a survivor with self-destructive tendencies. He was both an exemplary victim and a devious opportunist, capable of surreptitiously organising all his Clea's ups and downs in order to end up in England, perhaps with an earlier conquest, Clea's old friend Margot.



Lynsey Baxter: a touching mix of vulnerability and decency

With his paste-ups of bizarre recipes, and somewhat morbid fascination with the folklore of food, he could also claim a minor place in the great tradition of Russian eccentricity.

All that will doubtless add spice, emotional and literal, to next Wednesday's episode. So will the reappearance of two Britons from London's socialist belt, Lesley Manville's slick Margot and her publisher husband, Simon Russell Beale's spoiled and slimy Anthony. Expect a clash between pastiche Dostoevsky and the English comedy of manners. Expect Rasputin to meet Margot Metroland.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE





Carreras (top) and Domingo: rival tenors in Stiffelio

Stiffelio snapped up for Saturday night

ARTS BRIEFING

BBC Television has moved with remarkable swiftness to ensure that Verdi's *Stiffelio*, one of the undisputed operatic triumphs of the Covent Garden season, can be generally admired. Alan Yentob, BBC 2's controller, has agreed to clear his schedules from 7.25pm on Saturday to carry a live transmission of the Royal Opera's production, starring Jose Carreras. The television coup marks an early success for Covent Garden Pioneer, the company jointly set up last year by the Royal Opera House, the Japanese electronics company Pioneer, and the London film company Floral Street Productions, to film and market opera and ballet productions at Covent Garden.

Meanwhile, *Stiffelio* itself — which lay forgotten and unappreciated for so many decades — is set to conquer other stages. The Metropolitan Opera in New York has just confirmed that it too will be unveiling a new production next October: James Levine will conduct, and Placido Domingo will sing the title role.

● A HITCH for the Tate. Its new outpost, spectacularly overlooking the sea at St Ives in Cornwall, is not now expected to open until at least June — a month later than was planned. The delay stems from an embarrassing roofing problem: plans to use Welsh slate ruffled local feathers. Locally-quarried Cornish slate is now being used. The gallery will be devoted to the works of the "St Ives school", and many of the Barbara Hepworths, William Scotts and Terry Frosts that the Tate owns will be transferred from London.

Spring cleaning

AWARDS worth almost £2.5 million for improvements to 31 British museums and galleries have been announced. The largest award, £600,000, goes to the Imperial War Museum to be spent on a refurbishment project, while awards of £500,000 each are handed to the British Museum and the National Gallery for similar improvement schemes.

Twenty-three regional museums and galleries get smaller sums. Among the more unusual, the Oates Memorial Library in Selbourne receives £10,000 to renovate the Oates Gallery, commemorating the Antarctic hero. An award of £50,000 goes to the National Museum of Film and Television in Bradford, and £25,000 to the Penzance Geological Society Museum. The money comes from the Museums and Galleries Improvement Fund, funded by the government, the Wolfson Foundation and the Family Charitable Trust.

● NOVELIST Julian Barnes is this year's winner of the Shakespeare Prize, the annual award made by the FVS Foundation of Hamburg (a philanthropic organisation founded by shipping magnate Alfred Toepfer) to a British citizen regarded as having made an outstanding contribution to European culture. Barnes picks up a DM40,000 (£25,000) prize for himself, and DM15,000 (£9,400) in the form of a scholarship for a student of his choice to study in Germany for a year. Barnes follows in distinguished footsteps: previous winners include Richard Attenborough, Maggie Smith, David Hockney, Graham Greene and Harold Pinter.

Last chance . . .

PHILIP LANGRIDGE's marvellously vivid portrayal of the malign spirit Peter Quint is one prime reason to catch Britten's opera *The Turn of the Screw* before its present English National Opera revival ends at the London Coliseum (071-836 8891, last performance tomorrow). Two superbly adept child-actors add to the supernatural fun, and Britten's superb chamber-orchestra score has retained its chilly power.

Barbed hook to catch a gay and gallant old trout

Freya Stark, doyenne of travel writers, has a hostile biographer, but **Victoria Glendinning** finds her own admiration undimmed



FREYA STARK
A Biography
By Molly Izzard
Hodder & Stoughton, £25

Some hailed her as the last of the Romantic Travellers, others thought she was bogus. Dame Freya Stark, explorer, intelligence agent and author, was born 100 years ago and is still alive, but incapacitated. Her new biographer Molly Izzard was "bowled over" with admiration when she read Freya Stark's first book, *The Valleys of the Assassins*. But further investigation suggested odd discrepancies between Freya's own accounts of her life and the true facts, and Mrs Izzard finds it hard to understand quite why Freya was, in her heyday, so very famous.

One of the reasons was that she was a spell-binding and stylish travel-writer. Izzard provides very few extracts from the work to show her quality. There is no bibliography of Freya's books and articles, no maps of her journeys. Izzard is after a different truth. She questions all Freya's achievements, and picks away at her personality — and then has the gall to divine "a certain waspishness" in her subject.

I never knew Dame Freya, and have no axe to grind. From the evidence of this book she was indeed vain, manipulative, and often silly. But all in all, reading between the lines of Izzard's account, one recognises a gay and gallant old trout of a familiar type. She created her own myth and believed in it, never admitting defeat or failure.

And what is wrong with that? She had a messy expatriate upbringing with incompatible parents. She was not pretty, and was rendered even less so by a terrible accident. Nearing 40, she had the choice of growing old in the shadow of her formidable mother on a smallholding in Italy, or making something of herself. She chose the latter, and took off to the Alamut region of north-west Persia.

For such a late starter, she wrote a great deal — 18 books of travel and belles-lettres, four volumes of autobiography, and copious letters which she had published at her own expense in four volumes. Izzard is disapproving about Freya's habit of keeping copies of her long journal-letters in order to use them later for her books. But lots of travel-writers do that.

Much is also made of her habit of undertaking difficult journeys without the support of the authorities, and then becoming violently ill in remote areas. Her alarmist self-diagnosis ensured a flurry of telegrams followed by emergency airlifts, heavy official expense and lots of attention. Again, we all know people like that. There is even more severe tut-tutting from Izzard over an incident in Cairo, when Freya, never very precise about expenses and perks, sold an official car and held on to the proceeds.

Freya was bossy and liked to get other people to do things for her. She was a hero-worshipper, and tended to fancy that distinguished men were in love with her. She exacted admiration and, when she had money, she dressed flamboyantly. Being rootless, she longed to belong — preferably to the upper echelons of late-colonial British society. "Something shrewd and calculating in her nature made sure that the society she sought was the best available."

Well, maybe. There was certainly something shrewd and calculating about her marriage, at the age of 54, to the much younger Stewart Perowne, a diplomat in Aden, but the shrewdness and calculation were Perowne's. He needed a wife to conceal his homosexuality, for professional reasons. The marriage foundered. Freya had thought they could love one another. Her letters to him are dignified and touching, but Izzard makes little use of them.

Freya had great fun in the war, saving the Middle East, as she thought, for democracy by organising the Brotherhood, which infiltrated Iraq and Egypt with a network of cells of pro-British sympathisers, established through personal contacts and cosy conversations: the Tupperware-party school of propaganda. Wherever Freya went, it was people that interested her. She was not a scientific explorer, and saw herself, with perfect complacency, as an amateur.

Freya Stark could have been presented, irresistibly, as a tragi-comic figure, with the emphasis on the comedy. She obviously needed a bit of debunking. But Izzard writes in the pained tones of a pillar of the community revealing the pretensions and iniquities of a neighbour. She is constantly "disturbed" or "surprised" by evidence of eccentricity and inconsistency, though why she should be, after more than ten years researching Freya's career, it is hard to say.

Since so little was known about Freya's life before the age of 40, her biographer saves the girlhood traumas, and the psychologising, for a climax at the end of the book. "It was with a sinking heart" that she realised there were discrepancies between Freya's West Country background of non-conformist radicals and the leisured gentility she preferred to suggest. Why did Izzard's heart have to sink? Has Izzard never known people who reinvented themselves in order to make life more bearable?

Freya Stark once said that the attraction of mountaineering for her was "the passing through fear to the absence of fear" — a process that many people who choose to do dangerous things would recognise, but not Izzard, who "couldn't help thinking there was something punishingly masochistic" about it. Freya was an adventurer, Izzard evidently is not. She is however a doughty fact-finder, with a feeling for narrative and a strong personal voice.

Izzard suggested to the late Stewart Perowne that Freya's whole personality was a fabrication, a work of art. "Work of Art, Work of Art," he snorted, "that woman's not a Work of Art, she's a Force of Nature." Izzard's comment on this, succinctly ending a chapter, is: "I had to laugh." Posterity may give the last and lasting laugh to the irrepressible Dame Freya.



Into Libya: "Freya . . . was not a scientific explorer, and saw herself, with perfect complacency, as an amateur."

A voluptuary lusts by letter

Rosanna de Lisle

CONTEMPLATING ADULTERY
By Lotte and Joseph Hamburger
Macmillan, £14.99

In 1830 an Englishwoman, unhappily married to a law professor, was asked to translate a German best-seller. Reading it was to have profound consequences for her professional and emotional life. She fell in love with its author, hurling herself into a relationship with him. For several years they were to correspond secretly, boldly declaring their love though they had never met.

Sarah Austin (1793-1867) was a leading translator of German and French literature and history and wrote a book about Goethe. Her husband, John Austin (1790-1859), legal philosopher and disciple of Jeremy Bentham, is remembered for his *Lectures on Jurisprudence*. The Austins were East Anglian Unitarians committed to human betterment through the dissemination of utilitarian doctrines. Theirs was to be a serious, progressive marriage.

But John, encumbered rather than enabled by his towering intellect, disappointed Sarah. A career as a barrister ended before it had begun: overcome by nervousness, he could not utter a word in court. In 1827, thanks to influential friends, he became professor of jurisprudence at the new London University. A large and illustrious audience had to wait a year for his first lecture. While Sarah was attractive, amusing and optimistic, it is hard to imagine someone less fun than John Austin. His professional catastrophes left him devastated and the family poor. Out of necessity, Sarah forged a career of her own as a translator.

The third character in this story was Prince Hermann Pückler-Muskau (1785-1871), an impoverished Prussian nobleman with a passion for landscape gardening. In the 1820s, he divorced his wife (whom he adored like a mother) and travelled to England and Ireland in search of an heiress whose wealth might save his beloved park, Muskau. Returning home alone, he published, anonymously, *Letters from a Dead Man, a satirical portrait of British society*. It thrilled German readers — and Sarah Austin.

Pückler was everything John Austin was not: romantic, irreverent, morally unsound. He loathed bourgeois values and ridiculed English prudery. Had her marriage been happier, Sarah would no doubt have found him anathema to everything that (in theory) she and John stood for. Pückler was drawn to his clever, flirtatious translator. A professional correspondence quickly became a highly charged exchange of passion and fantasy. He challenged her to "forget all your English tricks and anxious principles". She feverishly confessed, in four languages, emotions unutterable in English. Pückler called letter writing to women "basically my best genre".

Faced with boasts of his sexual exploits, Sarah, determined not to seem a prude, declares herself unafraid of physical passion. Yet were they literally to have an affair, she fears he might love her in the way he has enjoyed other women: for her physicality. Will his "Mephistopheles nature" reveal a "cold, hard sensuality"? She dreads the agony exposure would cause her husband and daughter.

At times one feels Sarah and Pückler deserve each other, such is their narcissism. Each uncertain what the other looks like, they are easy prey for mischief. Sarah hears that "he has false teeth, uses rouge powder and wears a wig". He is told she has a moustache, to which she, wounded, retorts that "it requires . . . a man of considerable intellect and . . . strong voluptuous tastes . . . to admire me." When, finally, a meeting looms, Pückler backs off with the claim: "I am un peu passé . . . one is not a roué for 25 years without feeling the effects." These letters were not meant for public consumption.

For the sake of a fluent narrative, Lotte and Joseph Hamburger have broken up the letters and arranged extracts thematically. This can be quite annoying — they quote from Sarah's letters to Pückler before he enters the story — and does not flatter the subjects. Sarah is more sympathetic when quoted in full in the appendix than when the authors pack a chapter with protestations of her sex appeal. An inherently irrational affair has been made too tidy.

Contemplating Adultery is undeniably a fascinating exposé of a 19th-century marriage. The authors rightly ask: "How are [Sarah's letters] to be reconciled with the image of middle-class Victorian women?" But their conclusions are too grand: "To find a woman of her class so able and ready to recall erotic passages in literary works and so willing to assert the force of



Sarah Austin: no moustache

her passion and yearning for sexual fulfilment challenges the still widely held assumption that Victorian women were prudish, inhibited, and often fearful of sexual experience."

What can Sarah Austin's highly unusual experience say about that of middle-class women in general? "The celebrated Mrs Austin", as Carlyle called her, was untypical of her class even before she began her astonishing relationship with Pückler. Highly educated (how many Englishwomen spoke German in the 1830s?), she was able to support her family when her husband collapsed. Her social circle was a dauntingly intellectual, radical élite. Her story should be read not as a contradiction of our notion of Victorian marriage but as a spectacular exception to the rule.

Transfigured inner cosmos

Erica Wagner

NET OF JEWELS
By Ellen Gilchrist
Faber, £14.99
THE BLINDFOLD
By Siri Hustvedt
Hodder & Stoughton, £8.99 pbk

In Ellen Gilchrist's vivid and disturbing new novel, *Net of Jewels*, the title refers to the imagined fabric of humanity to which the narrator, Rhoda Manning, clings in her troubled journey through late adolescence and into adulthood. Rhoda Manning conjures a sparkling dream of herself, her family and friends as bright points of light, the joints of a web which will sustain and support her. In this novel Ellen Gilchrist demonstrates the fragility and the tenacity of that structure, and how easily the lights go out.

The novel is set in the stifling atmosphere of the American South in the mid-1950s, and pulsing through the heat-haze of Rhoda's afternoons is always the hum of the nascent civil rights movement. But the Manning family is old-guard South, the South of front porches and endless cocktail hours. Rhoda's father, whom she worships and who strangles her life, hardly ever speaks her name. "Sister", he calls her, "Sweet Sister". It is menacing and paternal all at once: and seems to speak for the attitude of his whole civilisation.

Rhoda can name her dissatisfaction: "I live with my parents and they give me everything I want and they take care of the children. I don't know what to do with myself. I don't have anyone to talk to who's interested in the things I am." Her language is poignant and plain. But Gilchrist shifts easily between this and the cosmic, as Rhoda reflects upon the larger nature of the world around her.

Her face is forced up against it, pushed through the cotton wool of her life, most often by the sudden, tragic deaths which pervade this story, each so skilfully handled that it never seems like a trick on the part of the author. Death brushes those close to Rhoda but leaves her untouched, a witness to decay. This wonderful novel takes in even this last great mystery with the same courage that keeps its heroine alive, and allows Charles William, its quiet hero, to come at his death as its equal.

Siri Hustvedt's novel, *The Blindfold*, works on a different scale from Ellen Gilchrist's, and yet they share certain crucial ideas. This is not a book that tries to take in the passion of a life as it is lived: rather, it sets its focus narrowly, on a section of life, and on the particular. What it has in common with Gilchrist's work is its keen perception of the inner dialogue that transmutes event into meaning.

This first novel is dedicated to Paul Auster, and the atmosphere of its self-created, bounded world is not unlike that of Auster's *New York Trilogy*. Iris Vegan is a graduate student at Columbia University in New York whose vivid encounters with a series of strange and some times nameless characters are powerful enough to convince the reader that the world previously seen as normal has completely ceased to exist. Mr Morning hires her to map her reactions to a series of objects, perhaps the possessions of a murdered woman; his desires, his relation to the woman remain a mystery. George takes a photograph of Iris which acquires a life of its own, haunts her and torments her. Mrs O, who can no longer remember who she is, is a kind of vortex of spiritual energy, sucking the life out of Iris as she tries to recover from an endless migraine in hospital. Professor Rose drives her to walk the streets all night, dressed as Klaus, a character in the novella they are translating together.

This is a peculiar, gripping book. It is primarily about identity, which we so often take for granted — of course, I know who I am. But within the first few pages Iris gives Mr Morning a false name and discovers how easy it is to disappear. As Klaus, power and anonymity slip on with his rumpled suit and vanish as easily as she gets undressed. People are unpredictable, suspect: if we don't know who they are, then how may we judge them? Hustvedt finds her firm ground in objects, in surroundings meticulously detailed, catalogued like the tapes Iris makes for Mr Morning. The world takes on a new balance.

There are times when this book reads too much like an exercise, when the device wears a little thin: and its last sentence is weak enough to undermine a delicate structure such as this. But seen as a whole, *The Blindfold* is a complex exploration of the nature of the self, executed in polished and immediate prose.

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THE ORIENT-EXPRESS
By Gregor von Rezzori
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Gregor von Rezzori: pitiless

Like his protagonist, the author of *The Orient-Express* is a native of the Bukovina, a province at the eastern extremity of the Carpathians which belonged to the Habsburg kingdom of Galicia when he was born in 1914, but today constitutes a disputed march straddling the republics of Ukraine, Romania and Moldova. It was then a meeting place of most of the nationalities of central and eastern Europe, as Gregor von Rezzori's own exotic name suggests. Thanks to the explosion of nationalism in central Europe which began in 1918 and has never really ceased since, the Bukovina is now a more homogeneous and less fertile culture; the emigration of ethnic Germans is continuing this process towards uniformity.

Rezzori, therefore, writes consciously as the chronicler of a dying breed. He belongs to the same intellectual fraternity as his older compatriot Elias Canetti; at his elbow stands the ghost of Robert Musil's *Man Without Qualities*. Rezzori's subject matter, though, is far from dead: his best-known work is *Memoirs of an Anti-Semite*.

Very little happens in this latest novel (it is really a novella), which is in the stream of consciousness tradition. Rezzori's inspiration is not Joyce or Woolf but their German counterpart, Hermann Broch, whose poetic masterpiece *The Death of Virgil* is similar in mood (apocalyptic) and themes (time, mortality, disenchantment). But Rezzori's distinctive preoccupation is with cultural displacement: the hybrid, cosmopolitan identity of the modern West which the pre-war intellectual cannot endure.

In *The Orient-Express* a nameless American businessman, born in central Europe of Armenian and English parents, has fled to a Venetian hotel, where he contemplates his wife and mistress, his sexuality, and his impending death. For no particular reason, he decides to travel to London on the newly refurbished Orient-Express, the train he used to take as a boy from Constantsa in his homeland. While on the train he makes various inconsequential acquaintances, gets drunk, avoids a one-night stand with a Finnish travel agent, and in the morning has a hangover that is all but terminal.

This is not much of a story, and many of the 181 pages go by with nothing more than lewd or sentimental daydreams or portentously Spenglerian musings about the decline of the West. However, Rezzori writes with such finesse and insight about the onset of old age that he can be forgiven a certain self-indulgence. By the end his splenetic main character has, like the ancient mariner, persuaded us that his tale was worth hearing.

The book demands to be read against the background of a specific philosophical context. It draws on the pessimist-existentialist tradition which began with Schopenhauer and Leopardi, continued with Kierkegaard and Nietzsche, and in this century numbered among its luminaries the Spaniard Ortega y Gasset, the German Martin Heidegger and the Franco-Romanian E. M. Cioran. The reader who ignores that context may still enjoy this distillation of disillusionment; but if Rezzori's frame of reference is wide, his hero is often repellant.

The cold-blooded despair, lip-curling misanthropy and self-centred pitilessness of this sneering septuagenarian is not attractive. He is contemptuous of religion, yet cries out for redemption. A diatribe against the human race in fictional guise, this book reads like the dress rehearsal for a magnificent novel of ideas. I look forward to reading it.

Ghouls gorge on gore galore

Lois Rathbone

SUCKERS
By Anne Billson
Pan, £4.99 pbk original

Vampires are sexy, well-dressed and right now they are enjoying something of a revival. The release last week of Francis Ford Coppola's *Bram Stoker's Dracula* has something to do with it, but does not explain what looks like an epidemic of books, films and fashion looks based on the scary count. A new element of spoof has crept in since the old Hammer versions, combined with a fashionable Freudian reappraisal of what Dracula is really doing to his women. In the midst of recession, there is also nostalgia for the style and decadence of the old roué.

Anne Billson's contribution to the genre, *Suckers*, is a frothy black comedy set in late Eighties London. Billson uses the cult as a vague metaphor for the rampant consumerism and fear of Aids that plagued the last days of the "greed is good" decade. Vampires are coming out at night in vast numbers, taking over the nerve centres of the City and the media, and then retreating into a huge glass and marble tower, something like Canary Wharf, during the day.

Dracula himself never makes an appearance but Billson has created a worthy substitute in the shape of Violet, the mastermind behind the plot and by far the most attractive member of the cast. Violet has all the right gothic credentials — she hails from Moldavia, is 300 years old and has been a muse to Janáček and Gogol. She is exquisitely chic, with tiny hands and feet, and dresses expensively in black.

Bored with eternal youth, Violet has finally fallen in love, and the object of her affections is the unprepossessing Duncan. There ensues a tussle for Duncan's affections (and ultimately his soul) between Violet and the narrator, Dora. The latter is an old hippy who never much liked the new generation. Once she realises what is happening, she becomes a self-appointed vigilante and, displaying an admirable ability to improvise, goes about the staking business with a variety of chair legs, rulers and knitting needles. The cheerful tone with which she dispatches her victims makes it at the same time more gruesome and rather funny.

Around her Billson creates a city of familiar types, sketching in minor characters with a few deft strokes. The ex-model, Lulu, with her streaked blond hair, capsule pink wardrobe and antipathy for other women, becomes a believably dippy vampire in the afterlife. The men are less convincing and are given little to do.

Where the original *Dracula* was about a man seducing women, Billson has her revenge by putting the women on top — running conglomerates, using men as lackeys and doing all the seducing, of other women as well as men. Awaiting its retribution, London seems fatally divided within itself and cut off from the rest of the country and Europe. The only possible escape for Dora, as the vampires take control, is Paris.

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What became of the Georgian silver and Canalettos?

Oliver Letwin

PRIVATISATION
By C. D. Foster
Blackwell, £40
PRIVATISATION IN EUROPE
Edited by Ferdinando Targetti
Dartmouth, £35

The collective noun for dolphins is, I believe, "a school". The collective noun for economists is, similarly, "a conference". The etymology of this term is clear. Wherever two or three economists are gathered together, there is an irresistible urge to hold a conference. So far, so good.

The problem with conferences is that people feel impelled to say things, more or less regardless of whether they actually have anything to say. Professor Targetti's volume unfortunately records just such a conference (with some post-conference additions). The sub-title, *West and East Experiences*, belies the fact that the contributors show no sign of having themselves any first-hand experience of their topic (privatisation) either in the East or West. This has no deterrent effect. They are ready to offer advice on a variety of issues, based on theorising which, in the main, is neither interesting nor illuminating, nor supported by serious research.

There are exceptions. Robin Marris, who has the distinct advantage of being clever, produces a classification of types of economy which includes the rather useful concept of "managerial capitalism". Wladimir Andreff gives a helpful brief history of the French privatisations of 1986-1988. Will Bartlett provides a clear account of the "quasi-markets" developed recently in health, education, housing and social services in Britain.

But much of the conference-induced spiel is embarassing — or worse. One contributor assures his readers that "in England, only two enterprises were denationalised, and even this took a decade to achieve", whilst "in France, a hundred-odd firms were reprivatised, generating a revenue of 70 billion francs... but also incurring costs of 43 billion francs [£4.3 billion]". This is not just wrong; it is astoundingly wrong; the UK has privatised 35 companies which are in the big league by anybody's standards, together with dozens of smaller firms; while the costs of the (15 major) French privatisations, though never in their entirety disclosed, will have been about one order of magnitude lower than the figure quoted. Another participant assures us that "British Telecom" was "sold to Mitel" — an assertion that will come as a considerable surprise to BT's management and to the millions of people who think they are its shareholders.

Christopher Foster's *Privatisation, Public Ownership and the Regulation of Natural Monopoly* is in a completely different class. This is a serious, detailed and thoughtful essay about the economics of utilities such as rail, gas, electricity, water, airports and telecommunications. It begins with a fascinating account of nineteenth century attempts to regulate the railways in Britain, goes on to an analysis of the British experiments with nationalisation and privatisation, and concludes with a lengthy examination of the features and relative merits of different types of regulation and ownership.

Foster is interested mainly in industries that contain elements of natural monopoly (high costs of entry, large economies of scale and scope, established networks etc). He argues that the keys to efficiency in these industries are the establishment of rational profit-seeking motives within the monopolies themselves, allied to suitable forms of regulation. By "suitable", he means forms of regulation which enable the regulator both to maximise effective competition in the non-monopoly elements of the business, and to stimulate output in the monopolistic elements to the point where the market clears at marginal prices that reflect marginal costs.

Through a combination of historical survey and conceptual analysis, Foster supports four important conclusions: (1) that economic regulation should be kept rigorously separate from social regulation; (2) that neither parliament nor the courts are suitable regulators; (3) that the method of economic regulation chosen for the British utilities in the 1980s looks likely to be more successful than any previous scheme; and (4) that, although in principle government ownership need not have an adverse effect on economic efficiency, radical corporatisation on New Zealand lines (or even more) is the only plausible alternative to privatisation as a means of providing lastingly correct incentives on the managers of utilities.

Each of these conclusions is controversial — as is much of the detailed argument in the book. But on almost every page there is something interesting and thought-provoking. Foster speaks on the basis of a wide experience in government and business. Behind his assertions are years of wrestling with the issues in the hard world of practice — and it shows. Anyone interested in the regulation and ownership of utilities will need to read the book, and will want to spend time thinking about it.

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Father of victory burning bright

Keynes said: "He had one illusion — France; and one disillusion — mankind." David R. Watson on the Tiger

AT THE HEART OF A TIGER
Clemenceau and his World, 1841-1929
By Gregor Dallas
Macmillan, £25

Clemenceau is a tempting subject for biographers. Before becoming prime minister of France in 1917 he had been involved in 50 years of that country's turbulent politics. He played a part in every major crisis from the revolutionary events of 1870-71, to Boulangism, the Panama Scandal and the Dreyfus Affair. Feared, it was said, for his tongue, his pen and his sword (i.e., his sarcastic wit and his duelling prowess), he came to be named "the Tiger", prowling alone in the political jungle, bringing down one ministry after another.

Such a dramatic life has often been recounted in popular biographies, and has also attracted scholarly research. Gregor Dallas's book is a strange mixture of the two genres. He tells us that it is the product of many years' research, and that his sources and bibliography would have filled over a hundred pages. Their omission is a pity, as he seems to have unearthed new source material, whose importance cannot be evaluated. It is not simply the absence of footnotes. For this is a *biographie romancée*. Conversations are invented, scenes depicted in colourful detail; Clemenceau's innermost thoughts are revealed on the basis of imaginative intuition. So the reader cannot tell which statements are based on historical evidence, and which are invented.

The author also attempts to set Clemenceau against a panorama of the various "worlds" in which he lived. A traditional "life and times" biography would be a big enough task, for Clemenceau's life touched on so much. But Dallas is not very interested in politics, and the political context is not well explained. Instead he covers economic, social, and cultural aspects of Clemenceau's "worlds" from 1841 to 1929, producing a rambling collection of sketches in which Clemenceau is often lost sight of.

We are two thirds through a long book before Clemenceau becomes prime minister in 1906. The really important part of his career is passed over quickly: a complete narrative is not even attempted. There is not a single word on the period between July 1909 and the outbreak of war in 1914. The author's failure to analyse the political background becomes a real weakness here. More space is given to describing the ceremonial signing of the treaty in the palace of Versailles, than to the complex negotiations between Clemenceau, Woodrow Wilson and Lloyd George that fixed the text.

Perhaps a biography of Clemenceau that does not emphasise politics is a legitimate enterprise. Certainly there were other aspects to his life. After the apparent collapse of his political career in 1893, he sought to make a new life as a man of letters. He always retained an interest in classical, especially Greek, art and literature. He was the friend of Manet and Monet. But is any of this of real importance?

He failed as a creative writer, after producing an embarrassingly bad novel and play. His philosophical *summa, In the Evening of My Thought*, would never have been published in 1927, but for the prestige he then had as *Père-la-Victoire*. His journalism only took off when the Dreyfus Affair brought vigour and passion to a previously pretentious and heavy-handed prose-style.

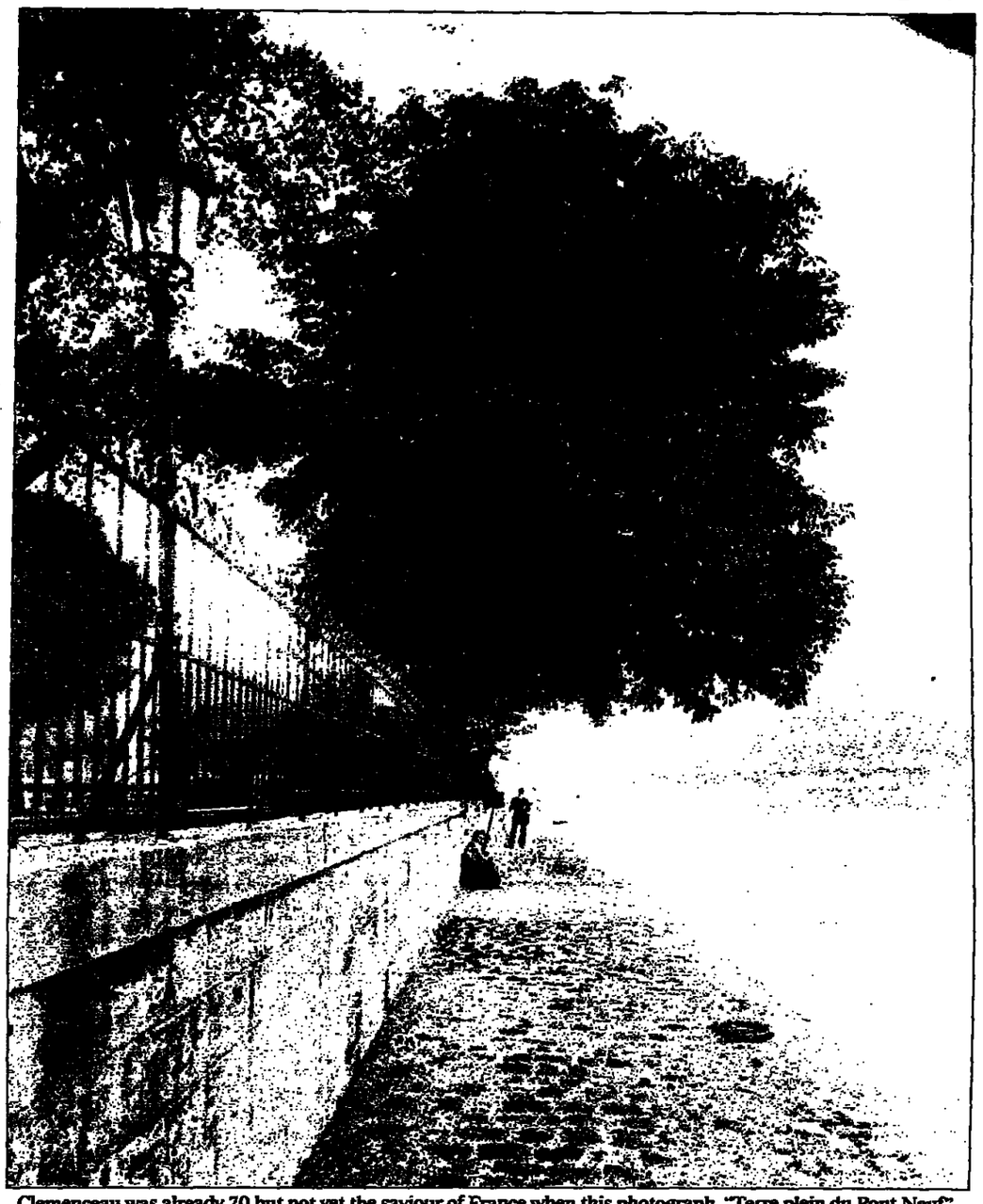
As for his private life, there would, no doubt, be much of interest if it could be discovered. But Dallas, like others, has been unable to find out much. Almost nothing is known about Clemenceau's relationship with his American wife, divorced in 1892 after 23 years. He is often supposed to have had many love affairs, but none are authenticated, although we do know about sentimental friendships with younger women, culminating in one with a woman who had 40 to his 82 years.

Clemenceau is a fascinating and very sympathetic human being. Péguy wrote of him in 1904: "He is a spontaneous and impulsive man, with solid loves and hates... it is this that retains for him the constant, obstinate friendship of his old friends and admirers." All the serious biographies have turned out to be labours of love: it is impossible to learn much about Clemenceau and not to like him. His professed ideology does not do justice to the depth of humanity and affirmation of profound human values that can be found in his wartime speeches.

These qualities made him the embodiment of the whole French nation in the darkest days of the war, when a man who had been the most partisan of politicians incarnated the national will to survive. The sacred union of 1914 had virtually foundered by November 1917 until Clemenceau, a militant atheist in a Catholic country, restored it almost single-handed. His frequent visits to the trenches, as close to the front line as he could get, were no empty gesture. The *poilus*, the infantrymen, saw him as being with them in spirit as no other political leader.

Paradoxically, although it seems that Dallas was inspired to write on Clemenceau because of his role as war leader, this aspect is least adequately treated, partly because the balance of the book is wrong. There is too much on the early years, while important later topics are omitted. At this time, Clemenceau was above all a political animal; he was also a human being who managed, through the force of his own conviction, to inspire his countrymen to continue the war *jusqu'au bout*. Nowadays, it seems almost to have become accepted that the first world war, in contrast to the second, lacked moral justification. Clemenceau would not have agreed. A really satisfactory biography would need to address these questions, and thus to concentrate on those political topics which are the only aspects of his life that can be fully explored.

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Clemenceau was already 70 but not yet the saviour of France when this photograph, "Terre plein du Pont Neuf", was taken in 1911 by Eugène Atget, whose monochrome studies are first published in full this week. *Atget's Seven Albums*, edited by Molly Nesbit (Yale, £25), recalls the streets, gardens and interiors of Paris in the belle epoque

Resurrection of a peacetime war

Lesley Chamberlain

FEAR
By Anatoli Rybakov
Translated by Antonia W. Bouis
Hutchinson, £15.99



Fifty years ago this week, the German Sixth Army surrendered at Stalingrad. Here a Soviet T-34 plunges through the ruined city. The slogan on its turret reads *Rodiny* ("Motherland"). From *The Great Patriotic War* by Peter G. Tsouras, Greenhill, £25

Westerners are not the first intended readers of Anatoli Rybakov's numbing novels of the Thirties' terror: *Children of the Arbat* and now its successor, *Fear*. Rybakov, now in his eighties, has consistently told interviewers his giant semi-autobiographical testaments are Russian books, written primarily for Russians, to come to terms with the horror.

Children of the Arbat, when it first appeared in a Soviet literary magazine in 1987, may have helped free its readers from that frigid vigilance towards strangers which for so long shored up the outer Cold War. Certainly it was a landmark of glasnost, which *Fear*, though it continues to dismantle the nuts and bolts of Stalin's psychopathic reasoning, cannot hope to overtake.

But it strikes home. The great narrative rolls on, catching up scores of real names and events in its path. Some three million people died in Stalin's purges between 1933 and 1939. Outside Russia perhaps the greatest fascination lies in imagining this book read by "Stalin's children": what kind of pain and release hs freedom of speech finally brought? The Purges still affect the living. The name Alksnis, for instance, crops up among the many lists of Stalin's victims Rybakov includes in his re-enacted tableau. Few Russians would fail to recognise in him the father of one of today's most prominent hardliners, a military colonel opposed to western-ising reforms.

There are things I will never understand about Russia. Rybakov writes with justice on his side and in the hallowed furrows of Russian 19th-century tradition, in which respect *Fear* is very much a book for the people. The taking on of messianic history as an object of literary crusade, with only the giant sweep of myriad private lives for an army, is a Tolstoyan venture.

The novel's structure exploits the classic configuration of the small man versus the giant Ruler. The young Rybakov alias the exiled student Sasha Pankratov even writes a letter to Stalin appealing for justice. Two hundred years ago Pushkin in *The Bronze Horseman* was subtler about the attraction of superhuman leadership bu *Fear* is in the tradition of Russian books which are great because they are honest. They serve a moral necessity more than an aesthetic one.

Stalin is He. He sees himself in the third person. He worships himself. He can tolerate no dilution of His will, neither deliberately nor by human error. His personality remains incomprehensive in human terms. In showing him eating breakfast and getting dressed Rybakov makes him just sufficiently human to show the possible extent of a man's evil. Yet millions believe in him and hasten to obey him.

The main thrust of *Fear* concerns the manufacture of a false case against the Old Communists Kamenev and Zinoviev. The bravery of those who refuse to be tortured into false witness is more sickening than heartening. It is a wretched hour for humanity when the spectacle of hope evokes nausea. You want to cry out to these characters: please, give in! You can't bear any more pain. The prose is simple but the reading arduous. People suffer and perish for those disquietingly banal reasons characteristic of totalitarian wickedness. Pankratov is exiled over an incautious attempt at humour in a student newspaper. A barber involuntarily told a joke involving the name of Trotsky is beaten senseless. Rybakov cannot resist taking a sidesweep at Western visitors in the Thirties taken in by Stalin. Nor is he happy about those Russians who managed to escape abroad. To the White Russian colony in Paris he despatches a somewhat symbolic promiscuous girl and a pair of secret agents.

This whole wretched human chapter seems incredible. It might well have been invented to underline the deadliness of political correctness in any age. It is our diabolical misery that we are tempted to have our thinking done for us.

Child of a nobler father

Judy Goodkin

DREAMS OF LONG LASTING
By Mark Medoff
Simon and Schuster, £15.99

For sheer barefaced cheek, Jacob Landau is hard to beat. In this very funny first novel, the playwright Mark Medoff, author of *Children of a Lesser God*, introduces the reader to a strong, complex and contradictory central character. "a four-star dissembler" who is capable of almost anything.

A Jewish postgraduate literature student from Miami Beach, Jacob Landau is at the peak of his intellectual powers. He is flirtatious, shrewd, witty, smug, hypercritical and above all in control. But no sooner is Landau eluded by the lovely, cryptic actress Leslie Ann, than he succumbs to bizarre impetuousity. One of many outrageous scenes which Landau successfully carries off straight faced is his honeymoon tour of Paris — while secretly wearing a stolen pair of Gertrude Stein's knickers.

Well-timed jokes, fast-moving, punchy dialogue, and scenes so vividly drawn that they are almost visual are only to be expected from a seasoned playwright like Medoff. It is peppered with rich and evocative Yiddish expressions. But *Dreams of Long Lasting* is an intelligent novel in which the hero gains a deeper understanding of his shoe salesman, refugee father. He reminds Jacob that whim is easy; the hardest part of life is choice.

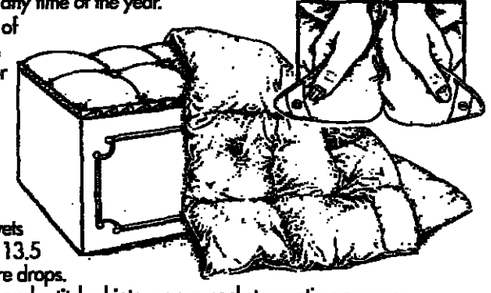
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Woosnam upset to make cut

FROM MEL WEBB IN SINGAPORE

GOLFERS from 28 nations play today in the Johnnie Walker Classic here, a tournament unique in that it carries order of merit points for both the Asian and PGA European tours. A dozen languages drift past the ears around the putting green, united in the problem of getting a 1.68-inch ball into a 4¼-inch hole.

The first Classic was won in Thailand last year by Ian Palmer, a little-known South African. He will be lucky to repeat the feat on the tougher Singapore Island Country Club course, with its tight fairways and grainy Bermuda greens, in the next four days.

Nick Faldo, Fred Couples and Ian Woosnam, the three leading players in the world rankings, are present, as are Greg Norman, Severiano Ballesteros and Ian Baker-Finch, winners of 14 major championships between them.

Faldo, Couples and Woosnam all have reasons for wanting to win. Couples, beset by marital problems, won next to nothing after a brilliant start to last season led him to victory in the Masters. Woosnam had putting problems and a solitary victory to brighten an otherwise so-so season. And Faldo because no matter what he wins — and last year he won plenty — *he is never totally satisfied.*

Woosnam brings in two innovations this season — a new persimmon driver and a new haircut, to beat the heat-stroke he suffered in this event last year. He is delighted with the club but not so happy with the *coiffure*: his hairdresser, he says, got a bit carried away. The heat did force Jamie Spence, who had trouble breathing, to withdraw yesterday.

Jenkins ready to shoulder burden of expectation



GERALD DAVIES

Rugby commentary

WALES inclines to sentimentality when it comes to rugby. This is not wholly bad. The game is close to our hearts and, in cherishing it, we, unlike others of cooler temperaments, like to show it. This can be to excess. Wishful thinking is not the same as wish fulfilment.

Even when times are good, they are never as good as the country wishes them to be. There is always something else. More points should have been scored; more tries, too. With a better style, perhaps, if this could only be defined.

And another stand-off half? There is the rub. This yearning for things other than they actually are finds its most lyrical and animated expression when the talk is of Welsh stand-off halves. The whole nation turns positively mawkish for the past and, simultaneously, knives are sharpened for the present. This is a curious phenomenon.

Over the position, tears are shed; dreams are eternally dreamt and old men whisper wistfully to the young of yesterday's man and of his incomparable gifts to beguile. It may not have been quite like the way he now fondly remembers but it is how it has become.

Such admiring glances, however, may not have been there when they were most needed; at the time, that is, *when the player played. For* when he played, there was always somebody else on the sidelines whom the bar-room critics preferred. Praise for a Welsh stand-off half only comes after he is departed the scene. Golden moments are always in the past.

Jonathan Davies had to leave to play rugby league before he was showered with praise followed by words of regret. The best man for the position is destined to be, if you listen to the arguments, the one *not* in the team. Welsh rugby has a score of such stories to tell.

Since Davies left in 1988, seven players have worn the No. 10 Wales jersey. If the results on the field are a permanent reprimand for Welsh failure, the indecision as to who should play stand-off half is symptomatic of the confusion that has failed to arrest the decline.

All this is not lost on Neil Jenkins, of Pontypridd, who plays for Wales against England in Cardiff on Saturday. "In Wales, the half backs, especially the stand-off half, always gets the blame," he said. It will be his ninth cap.

Jenkins began his international career by playing four times in the position in 1991. He played three times at centre last season before being restored to his club position against Scotland.

While it is commendable for him to say that he did not mind the change and, for that matter, he would willingly play prop for Wales, he should be chosen in his rightful position. It is time for the player to settle down.

It has been an uncomfortable time for him. After a period of suspension for being sent off in the Welsh Cup semi-finals last season, his return was delayed until late September. With his club winning the next four games, strained ankle ligaments forced his absence again. To Pontypridd's supporters: "He is the club".

This view is reinforced by statistics that show of the 117 points scored in the seven league games he has played in this season, he has accumulated 79, including five tries. In 1990-1, he scored 127 points of his club's league total of 353 and, the next season, 173 out of 289. Most were scored through place kicking and a style modelled — four steps back, two to the side — on Grant Fox, of New Zealand.



Problem position: Jenkins covets stand-off role

Jenkins, 22, does not fit easily into the mould of what is imagined as the stereotypical Welsh stand-off half. With reddish hair, and gangly and awkward looking, he is not of that short, compact Iberian stock that Colin Stephens, of Llanelli, and Aled Williams, of Swansea, clearly belong and with which Wales traditionally feel more comfortable.

Looks are one thing, effectiveness another. Arfd Jenkins is effective. He is gradually showing at his club that he can steer a team to his wishes. He is intensely competitive, a player who trains religiously. His work-rate is high in the modern manner and his defence sound.

It is time he was given the chance to grow into his role and for Wales, saluting a great past but not too deferentially, to cheer him on. It is the present that matters.

England students decide on Jenkins

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

GARETH Adams, the Bath flanker who captained England to their win over France in the student international at Cambridge last month, has been forced to withdraw from the game against Welsh Students at Llanelli tomorrow.

Adams failed a fitness test on a damaged hamstring and his place goes to Rory Jenkins, the Cambridge blue who will be making his first appearance in the national XV. He will have the familiar presence of Eric Peters, last term's Cambridge captain, alongside him. Kyran Bracken, the Bristol University scrum half, will lead the side.

Bracken will be partnered by Alistair Kerr (Birmingham University), the only other change from the team that beat France 20-9. Wales play Matthew de Maid, the Cambridge scrum half, against his back row colleagues and field two senior internationals: Luc Evans at full back and Alan Carter, the flanker.

Last season, England beat the Welsh 25-16 and if they can maintain their success, the likelihood is that other members of their development squad will be introduced for the games against Scotland and Ireland.

"We have no tour or tournament during the close season so we would like to take the chance to introduce some new blood" Pat Briggs, the England manager, said. Some of his players, of course, remain eligible for England's under-21 summer tour to Australia.

☐ Ian Smith, who lost his place in Scotland's back row this season, returns to lead Gloucester against Newport tomorrow. It will be the flanker's first game for three weeks, as it will be for Marcus Hannaford at scrum half.

Given Gloucester's troubles this season, the club will be looking for encouragement eight days before their league meeting with Bath, for whom Richard Hill — still troubled by his ankle injury — remains doubtful.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Tour de France to return to Britain

THE Tour de France cycling classic could return to Britain next year (Peter Bryan writes). At least two stages are being planned for the south coast, linking the Dover area with Portsmouth, in early July 1994 — shortly after the Tour starts in northern France.

"If the Channel tunnel is open, we will use it," Jean-Marie Leblanc, the race organiser, said. "If not, we will make other arrangements." The only previous stage to be held in this country was in Plymouth in June 1974.

Jeannie Longo, the leading woman rider, has criticised the International Cycling Union (ICU) for its decision to no longer distinguish between track records achieved indoor and outdoor or at sea level and altitude. "It's sabotage," Longo, who has subsequently lost five of her seven world best times, said. "The ICU is making a big mistake."

Profit margin down

OLYMPIC GAMES: The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG), the organisers of the 1996 event, said yesterday that they will cost $1.472 billion (about £1 billion) to stage and should bring in $1.589 billion, both figures increases from previous estimates. An earlier budget quoted the profit as $161 million, but Billy Payne, the president of ACOG, said that a potentially significant source of revenue had been lost when it was decided, last week, to drop the bid to include golf in the Games.

Sri Lanka reach final

CRICKET: Roshan Mahanama (62) and Chandika Hathurusinghe (66), shared an opening century stand to *spur Sri Lanka into the Sharjah Trophy final yesterday in* the United Arab Emirates. Sri Lanka beat Zimbabwe by 30 runs in the final round-robin match and will face Pakistan in today's final. In a game reduced by rain from 50 to 43 overs, Sri Lanka amassed 266 for five and then restricted Zimbabwe to 236 for nine. Zimbabwe were unable to recover after losing their opening two wickets for 20.

Tomba goes missing

SKIING: The Alpine world championships had an unfortunate start in Morioka, Japan, yesterday, with swirling snow and gusts of wind of up to 134mph preventing the first event, the women's downhill combination, taking place and Alberto Tomba missing the opening ceremony. Tomba, the Italian Olympic champion, disappeared after flying into Tokyo. Practice was also cancelled for the men's downhill, in which the piste has been made safer after several racers crashed in training.

Enza gaining time

YACHTING: As Olivier de Kersauson and his crew aboard the French trimaran, Charel, became ensnared in the doldrums yesterday, their two rival crews in the race to be the first to sail around the world within 80 days were catching up quickly (Barry Pickthall writes). Robin Knox-Johnston and Peter Blake, aboard the catamaran, Enza New Zealand, were off the Canary Islands, almost a day ahead of schedule, and their fast pace was being matched by Bruno Peyron's catamaran, Commodore Explorer.

Connors takes control



TENNIS: Jimmy Connors, right, began his 23rd season as a professional with a textbook 6-4, 6-4 win over his fellow American, Richard Matuszewski, in the first round of the Volvo of San Francisco tournament yesterday. Connors, 40, who will play fewer tournaments this year to be with his family, was *thrilled by his win. "I still* love playing when the crowd is in it," he said.

McGuire's hat-trick

HOCKEY: Phillip McGuire, of Teddington, scored three goals in succession from short corners to secure a 3-2 victory for the Hockey Association (HA) over the Universities Athletic Union at Milton Keynes yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). The HA had 11 short corners and Mayer and Kalbir Takher did much to gain their territorial supremacy. A superb goal by Conway, from a pass by Owen Jones in the 52nd minute, spurred the universities, but in the end they were forced to defend stubbornly.

Natural bidding boost

BRIDGE: The Portland Club's battle to keep natural bidding alive has made notable headway (Albert Dormer writes). Tony Forrester and Andrew Robson, who form Britain's leading partnership, have reverted to a natural-based bidding system and won the top prizes in the annual invitation event sponsored by the world's oldest card club.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow
AUSTRIA							
Alpbach	10	80	mixed	poor	fine	2	29/1
(Best above middle station; 16 of 21 lifts operating)							
Kitzbühel	10	45	mixed	worn	fine	-3	29/1
(Valley runs patchy, but upper still in good condition)							
Lech	40	120	good	open	fine	2	29/1
(Good skiing on well-groomed pistes; all lifts operating)							
Schladming	15	120	good	hard	fine	-1	28/1
(Higher pistes particularly good; all lifts operating)							
Solden	15	150	good	hard	sunny	0	29/1
(Great on upper runs; artificial snow maintaining lower)							
FRANCE							
Alpe d'Huez	35	250	good	open	sunny	5	27/1
(All sectors open except Sarenne and Auris)							
Avoriaz	55	155	mixed	open	sunny	4	27/1
(Mostly hardpacked snow; most of the 42 lifts operating)							
Flaine	15	230	mixed	slick	sunny	3	27/1
(Dry snow on upper, hard lower down; 28 lifts open)							
Valmorel	10	150	mixed	slick	sunny	4	26/1
(Best at St Francois and Combelouviere; 80% of area open)							
Val Thorens	100	300	good	open	sunny	3	28/1
(Good skiing throughout Trois Vallees)							
ITALY							
Bormio	20	150	good	slick	sunny	-1	27/1
(Good skiing on uncrowded pistes)							
Courmayeur	30	150	good	open	sunny	3	27/1
(Good skiing on hardpacked snow; 22 of 23 lifts operating)							
SWITZERLAND							
Klosters	30	190	good	slick	sunny	0	26/1
(Good skiing throughout; all 29 lifts operating)							
St Moritz	60	100	good	open	sunny	0	28/1
(Good skiing on dry, powdery snow; all lifts operating)							
Villars	10	50	mixed	closed	sunny	2	27/1
(Best skiing above middle station; lower runs thin)							
Murren	30	110	mixed	closed	sunny	5	28/1
(Good skiing on higher sections throughout Jungfrau)							
Zermatt	60	170	good	open	sunny	0	28/1
(Good skiing throughout; link with Italy open)							

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SPORTS LETTERS

Different law for spinners

From Mr Michael G. Steel

Sir, Your correspondent reports (February 3) that the England cricket manager, Keith Fletcher, justifies the selectors' crass decision to play one spinner in the Calcutta Test by stating that, in the case of Phil Tufnell, he had not bowled well in India on turning pitches.

Tufnell's record as an attacking bowler shows that he has effectively won three of his ten Tests for England by his inspired bowling.

Compare Tufnell's treatment with that of Graeme Hick as a front-line batsman who has been selected time and again despite his many failures.

Is there one law for a successful but moody spin bowler and another for a flawed but well behaved batsman?

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TCCB must not ignore MCC members' vote

From Mr C. St.J. Thomas

Sir, Your Chief Sports Correspondent is wrong (January 28). Last week's debate of no confidence in the England selectors was not "a mutiny masquerading as democracy by a misguided minority" of MCC members. It was a genuine and legitimate attempt by a group of cricket *aficionados* to air an issue which had been argued over in pubs and clubs throughout the country.

As one speaker put it, MCC at its AGM talks about everything under the sun — finance, ground improvements, the quality of the catering — but never about the game of cricket. How refreshing that MCC has members who actually care about the purpose for which the club was formed.

The meeting may be likened to the 1936 Oxford Union "King and Country" debate which, however irrelevant in terms of its misguided minority, was said to have influenced Hitler in his military planning.

Hopefully the debate will have achieved a result whereby someone will sit up and take notice that the cricket public is deeply concerned with the course that the great game is taking. If members of MCC had not taken a stand, the issue would have gone by default. The meeting vindicated MCC and ensured that, unlike Oxford, "it was never to be a home of lost causes and forsaken beliefs and unpopular names and impossible *loyalties*".

Yours faithfully,
CLIVE ST.J. THOMAS,
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Wrotham, Kent.

From Mr Alick Leggat

Sir, The vote of MCC members is deserving of consideration by all cricket lovers. Sixty per cent of them voted, an impressive proportion. Although the motion was defeated, 4,600 members supported it compared with the 6,135 who voted against.

The criticism of the selectors *should not have been directed* against MCC, but against the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), who appointed them.

It follows from this that all the county clubs who appoint TCCB — MCC, like the clubs, has one vote — must also be subjected to criticism, but counties have become too dependent on TCCB's annual distribution and, as a result, are reluctant to rock the boat.

Cricket must, of course, be financially viable, but the present position has turned the game into a business and TCCB are riding a financial tiger from which they cannot dismount.

Can one honestly say that the game is now run better by TCCB than in the days when MCC did the job?

The 4,600 voters very clearly raised the question of TCCB's role in the game. Authority would be foolish to disregard the message.

Yours faithfully,
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Limited threat to triathlon

From Mr Andrew McBarnet and Dr Sarah Springman

Sir, We are extremely disappointed by a misleading account of the current status of international triathlon (report, January 28).

Your correspondent, Ian Sweet, refers to a potential split in the ranks of triathlon which could damage the sport's ambition to be included in the Olympics. This is a particularly harmful allegation when the candidature for Olympic programme status of a number of sports, notably triathlon, is being discussed.

The rift is reported to stem from an "ultimatum" to the International Triathlon Union (ITU), the world governing body, from an organisation yet be launched, called the World Professional Triathlon (WPT) tour.

Most of the triathlon community would be surprised to learn that a tiny minority of event organisers (at most 12), styling themselves as a world professional tour, posed a significant threat to the ITU and the solidarity of triathlon worldwide.

The ITU has built up an affiliated membership of over 90 countries. Your correspondent implies that it is somehow improper for this world governing body to run its own series of World Cup races because it does not include several events with bigger prize-money.

Your report fails to mention that the two richest events referred to — the Ironman in Hawaii and Powerman in Switzerland — are major endurance tests which athletes could not contemplate on a regular series basis. The Hawaiian event, for example, takes the winning male athlete over eight hours to complete. *This justly famous race* consists of a 2.4-mile swim, 112 miles on a bike followed immediately by a marathon run.

Competitors who win deserve their money, but there are not many pay days over this kind of distance. Also, interest for spectators and television audiences (particularly live) tends to be limited in such marathon events, *impressive though they may be.*

The idea of the ITU World Cup series was to provide a circuit of events worldwide along the lines of skiing, tennis and motor racing designed to be accessible to spectators and to a world television audience.

The distance was deliberately restricted to 1.5km swimming, 40km cycling and 10km running to allow the athletes to compete regularly, as much as every weekend during the season. The distance was also dictated by the need to market the format to be used in the Olympics should triathlon be accepted into the programme.

It is also stated that the ITU World Cup has not been supported by the top athletes. This is not true. A handful of long-distance specialists, for the reasons stated, have elected to go for the richest purses and not raced in the ITU series. That was their choice. But past and current world champions at the Olympic distance, men and women, *took part in last year's series*, including the present men's world champion, Simon Lessing, who is British.

It is worth noting, too, that after only two years the series is now being sponsored worldwide by by one major company and others are to be announced shortly. This scarcely suggests a series or a sport in serious trouble of falling apart, unsupported by its athletes.

Yours faithfully,
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Thrown out

From Mr Simon Malloni

Sir, I disagree with the scorn which has greeted Fifa's planned experiment to replace throw-ins with kick-ins. By adding the proviso that the ball should be reintroduced into play below waist height, the opportunity for passing football would be increased.

Forwards and midfield players of any level know that receiving a throw-in is no easy matter. The ball's trajectory is awkward and throw-ins often lead to aimless flick-ons or messy scrambles for the ball as the defenders converge.

By allowing players to pass the ball back onto the field, and preventing opponents from standing within three yards of the kicker, the ball will spend more time on the ground, not least because it will be easier to execute the *return ball from the receiver.*

The quickly-taken, counter-attacking long "kick-in" would reward that minority of professionals still capable of cleanly striking a football and the outlawing of the long throw-in would at least diminish the odious tactical array of clubs that place undue reliance on it.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON MALLONI,
29 Christchurch Ave, NW6.

No backwater

From Mr Jim Coates

Sir, Stephen Welsh (Sports Letters, January 28) implies that little is being done to take tennis to the northern cities. Far from being a tennis backwater, the North is a hotbed of activity.

There are large indoor centres, owned by the local councils but partly funded by the LTA, in Warrington, Wigan, Sheffield, Sunderland and Newcastle. Two more have been agreed in Liverpool and South Lancashire, and negotiations are in progress with other local authorities.

Tennis development officers, appointments subsidised by the LTA Trust, have been *made in Sheffield, Bradford,* Newcastle, Middlesbrough, Rochdale; Leeds has a racket sports officer.

A major grass-roots programme has been launched in Greater Manchester to introduce youngsters from the less affluent areas to the game. Many of the smaller northern towns now organise significant programmes for the whole community, with support from the LTA Trust.

The list is endless.

Yours sincerely,
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Hulls apart

From Mr Clive Hereward

Sir, I was amused to read of the segregation of the smoking curry-eaters from other members of the crew of ENZA New Zealand (January 28).

Next time round, Robin Knox-Johnston and Peter Blake should consider a catamaran with hulls and rig symmetrical fore and aft. With rudders at both ends, it might be sailed in either direction and would not have to go about when tacking. The hull with the smoking curry-eaters may then be kept to leeward on both tacks.

Yours faithfully,
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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

RAUWOLFIA
(c) A tropical shrub or small tree of the genus so called, belonging to the family Apocynaceae and bearing clusters of small white flowers and red or black berries, especially a shrub of one of the several species cultivated for the medicinal drugs obtained from their roots, an eponym from its nomenclator Leonhard Rauwolf (d. 1596), the German physician, botanist, and traveller: "Many types of rauwolfia were employed by jungle shamans centuries before our medical men thought of tranquillisers."

TENEBROSO
(c) One of a group of early seventeenth-century Italian painters influenced by Caravaggio, whose work is characterised by dramatic contrasts of light and shade, from the Latin *tenebrosus* shady: W. M. Rossetti: "The naturalist school, called also the school of the Tenebrosi, or shadow painters." Ibid.: "Ribera had by this time acquired so much mastery over the tenebroso style that his performances were barely distinguishable from Caravaggio's own."

ECHARD
(c) Water in the soil which is not available to plant roots, from the Greek *echein* to hold + *ardeia* irrigation: "When the plants show signs of permanent wilting, the amount of water which the soil then contains is called the echard (water held back by the soil from the plant)." "It is often necessary to distinguish between water which is available to plants and that which is so strongly held back as to be unavailable (echard)."

LATIGO
(b) A strap for tightening a cinch, from the American Spanish word: "The wide band of woven horsehair, known as the cinch, is drawn up by the powerful purchase on the latigo strap until it deeply imbeds itself into the animal's body." John Steinbeck, *East of Eden*: "He was lacing the latigo through the cinch rings."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

Solution: with 1 ... e4+! black forced resignation: 2 Kb1 or 2 Kc1 allow 2 ... Ra1 mate, 2 Nc3 Qa4 is crushing and 2 Kb3 Qa4+ 3 Kc4 Qc6+ is similarly hopeless. Finally, 2 Nf6 Rxf6 3 Bd4 Rxf3 and black wins on material.

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Leading rider eight ahead of Scudamore in thrilling race for jockeys' title

Dunwoody in late charge to fastest century

RICHARD Dunwoody registered the fastest century of his career at **Windsor** yesterday to remain firmly on course for his first championship.

Grey Hussar's late swoop denied Woodside Heath the Levy Board Novices' Handicap Hurdle and eased Dunwoody off the 99-mark.

Eight clear of the reigning champion, Peter Scudamore, Dunwoody said: "It's a wonderful feeling to get the hundred up. It's what I strive for each year.

"The ambition now is to beat last year's total of 137 and aim for 150 winners."

First to congratulate the Ulsterman was winning trainer Nick Henderson, who pledged to provide him with sufficient ammunition to maintain his title charge.

"Mine have been a bit quiet recently but they are coming back now and we'll find Richard a few more winners," he said.

Dunwoody's other principal retainer, David Nicholson, will need to maintain his impressive strike rate if he is to deny the combined forces of Scudamore and trainer Martin Pipe.

And Dunwoody believes his agent, Robert Kington, could hold the key to the final outcome. "If Robert can keep my outside rides ticking over — and David and Nicky continue to fire — I must have a chance of beating Scu," he reasoned.

While Dunwoody moved into three figures, trainer Simon Sherwood was delighted simply to break his duck for 1993 when Boycott made a sparkling winning debut in the Brocas National Hunt Novices' Hurdle.

Boycott — named after Yorkshire cricketing legend Geoffrey Boycott — belied his 25-1 starting price with an impressive eight-length dismissal of the 9-4 favourite, The Glow.

Sherwood, saddling his first winner for 38 days, grinned: "That was a welcome surprise. My horses have had sore throats and muck in their lungs — nothing desperate, but this is my first winner since Dusty Miller at Kempton on Boxing day."

Meanwhile at **Leicester**, Scudamore was making up for lost time, winning with *Robingo* and *Tudor Da Samba* on his return from a four-day ban.

Pipe's Triumph Hurdle hope Robingo was the outsider of three in the Golden Miller Novices' Hurdle, but outsprinted his rivals, in the process completing a treble.

"There were friendly jockeys on the other two," joked Pipe's assistant, Chester Barnes, after odds-on Sun Surfer and High Alltitude set a moderate pace.

Both were caught flatflooted as Robingo stormed past approaching the second last, seeing off High Altitude by three lengths.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Celebration time: Grey Hussar receives a congratulatory pat from Dunwoody in the winner's enclosure at Windsor

"They played into his hands, he showed he had speed winning on the Flat," Barnes added.

Tudor Da Samba got the eight-times champion off to a flying start, making all in the Burton Lazars Selling Hurdle.

Barnes had special reason to welcome the ten-length success, "It's good to get Scu going again, particularly for those of us who have had 4-1 about him winning the title," he explained.

It would have been a treble had Scudamore not opted for Pectorus over his stable companion Rovulenka in the National Hunt Novices' Hurdle.

The favourite Benjamin led the Pipe pair between the last two, but Rovulenka was back in front at the last and went away under Jonothan Lower to win by four lengths. Pectorus, having hit the third last, was back in third.

Jenny Pitman edged back ahead of Pipe as the track's leading trainer when Superior Finish disposed of his only serious opponent, Dublin Flyer, in the Silver Bell Novices' Chase.

Despite some late jumping errors, Superior Finish stayed on to win by 20 lengths. He has the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham on his agenda.

Clarke promises law change on Sunday betting

By Phil McLennan

RACING seven days a week moved a step closer on Tuesday night when Kenneth Clarke made a firm commitment for the first time to changing the laws governing Sunday betting.

Addressing a meeting of the Commons all-party racing committee, the home secretary told members that a bill to allow betting on the sabbath would be introduced at the first opportunity after the Sunday trading bill.

At present, betting shops cannot open on Sundays and betting on racecourses is illegal under the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act of 1963.

Although last year's experimental Sunday meetings at Doncaster and Cheltenham were a success in terms of attendance figures, the only legal betting to take place on the day was by telephone and changes to the betting laws were seen as fundamental to the continuation of the experiment.

The Sunday trading bill is widely expected to be passed this autumn and, if a bill to make on-course and off-course betting legal quickly follows suit, Sunday racing on the same footing as Monday-to-Saturday racing could become reality as early as next year.

David Pipe, for the Jockey Club, welcomed the news. "This is a great triumph and just reward for all the work that has been put in by so many people," he said. "We could be up and running on Sundays very soon after the necessary laws are passed."

Mr Clarke also discussed the future of the Horserace Totalisator Board and the possibility that the pool betting organisation might soon come under the authority of the newly-formed British Horseracing Board (BHB).

While admitting that there was a strong possibility that this might happen in the long-term, the home secretary stressed the need to let the BHB establish a firm footing and to look closely at the financial implications of such a transfer.

With betting offices due to open in the evenings for the first time this April, Mr Clarke said that he had met a very vociferous anti-lobby from the greyhound world and was now looking for solid support from racing's administrators.

Responding to these comments yesterday, Christopher Haines, chief executive of the Jockey Club, said: "We are delighted with the way this government has listened to the racing industry's pleas and will be giving the evening opening of betting shops the strongest possible backing when we meet with the committee of enquiry later this month."

Progress has also been made this week on the bloodstock industry's VAT problems and steps have been made towards allowing some owners to register for VAT.

Replying to a Commons question, Norman Lamont, the chancellor of the exchequer, said: "Customs and Excise have drawn up a technical memorandum of understanding to be agreed with the racing industry as soon as possible."

TOWCESTER

THUNDERER

1.50 Glaisdale. 2.20 General Merchant. 2.50 Bit Of A Clown. 3.20 Celcius. 3.50 The Widget Man. 4.20 **LA PRINCESSE** (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.20 **STATED CASE**.

GOING: SOFT — SIS

1.50 DRAYTON HOUSE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,480: 2m) (9 runners)

1 1-181 MARTIN'S LAMP 27 (CD,G,S) (Mrs S Welch) J Gifford 6-12-3 — D Murphy [illegible]
2 1 GROVE SERENDIPITY 8 (B,D,S) (S Helaissi) M Pipe 5-11-10 — P Scudamore 90
3 0-21245 HILLWALK 12 (G) (M Shone) R Curtis 7-11-10 — D Morris 86
4 2/00-P ATTIC WIT 12 (A Gardiner-Hill) T Etherington 7-11-3 — M Richards –
5 04 CARABUCK 27 (Runfold Racing Club) R Rowe 6-11-3 — H Davies 81
6 20 KATY'S LAD 10 (J Butler) B McMahon 6-11-3 — A Maguire 98
7 P NO GUTS NO GLORY 50 (Mrs L Webb) W G Turner 6-11-3 — Tracy Turner –
8 P SUPER DEB 40 (B) (Mrs J Mould) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-12 — C Llewellyn –
9 GLAISDALE 90F (Ocala Ltd) M Tompkins 4-10-7 — S Smith Eccles –

BETTING: 5-4 Martin's Lamp, 9-4 Grove Serendipity, 5-1 Glaisdale, 8-1 Katy's Lad, 12-1 Hillwalk, 16-1 Carabuck, 25-1 others.

1992: MEETING ABANDONED - FROST

FORM FOCUS

MARTIN'S LAMP beat Billy Born by 4l in a 17-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (heavy), with CARABUCK (9lb better off) 6l 4th. GROVE SERENDIPITY beat Power Happy by 6l in a 15-runner novice hurdle at Wolverhampton (2m 110yd, soft). HILLWALK distant 5th of 10 to Grand Hawk in a novice hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, soft), with ATTIC WIT pulled up before 7th. KATY'S LAD 8l 2nd of 16 to Fred Earth in a novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, soft). GLAISDALE 2m maiden winner on the Flat.
Selection: MARTIN'S LAMP

2.20 ALTHORP SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,954: 2m 110yd) (18 runners)

1 1/0F/PP MY CUP OF TEA 30 (D,F,G) (Mrs E King) M Pipe 10-12-0 — D Richmond (5) –
2 50PP6 CALORA 6 (B,G,S) (M Meade) M Meade 6-10-12 — J Railton –
3 PP6-24P RADICAL REQUEST 17 (D,G,S) (B Toner) K Burke 10-10-10 — M A Fitzgerald 91
4 0P3201 RINGMORE 13 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Askew) J Parkes 11-10-10 — N Smith 91
5 1504-56 GREYSBY 9 (V,CD,G,S) (R Marriott) O Brennan 11-10-10 — S J O'Neill 98
6 141-132 GENERAL MERCHANT 17 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs S Tate) R Hodges 13-10-9 R Dunwoody 97
7 3P-355P CROSSOFSPANCILHILL 17 (F,G) (West Midlands Racing) C Trietline 7-10-7 D Bridgwater 88
8 256064 GANOON 28 (D,G,S) (L Snook) J Akehurst 10-10-5 — L Harvey [illegible]
9 3/03P RYCO 54 (F) (B Pearce) Mrs M Long 10-10-4 — R Rowell 93
10 1P-3FPP SONALTO 99 (D,F) (P Moore) D Williams 7-10-3 — H Davies 92
11 P-56626 CITY INDEX 26 (D,F) (The Horizon Partnership) N Smith 7-10-3 — P Leach 94
12 6P05-PP AUTUMN ZULU 17 (D,G,S) (Miss L Bower) Miss L Bower 14-10-0 — D Gallagher 91
13 6003P-5 MUTARID 12 (D,F) (V Bootle) K Morgan 8-10-0 — A S Smith 80
14 22-045P IMPECCABLE TIMING 15 (D,S) (W Robinson) O O'Neill 10-10-0 — A Maguire 80
15 P0P-0P BRAZIER BOY 30 (Brazier Developments Ltd) A Jarvis 8-10-0 — T Jarvis –
16 35/PU05 ESPERO 10 (V) (Mrs L Vernon Miller) C Vernon Miller 12-10-0 — W Humphreys 97
17 P0P6-P6 WINNING DANCER 17 (D,S) (Friday Night Racing) Miss L Bower 10-10-0 N Williamson 80
18 46F534 PANT LLIN 13 (B,D,F) (D Martin) F Jordan 7-10-0 — J Lodder 88

BETTING: 9-4 General Merchant, 5-2 Ringmore, 4-1 My Cup Of Tea, 6-1 Ganoon, 10-1 Pant Llin, 16-1 Radical Request, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

RADICAL REQUEST 15l 2nd of 6 to Allanor Rex in a handicap chase over course and distance (soft), with GREYSBY (10lb better off) 4½l 5th. RINGMORE beat Aldington Bell 1l in an 8-runner conditional jockeys' selling handicap chase at Catterick (2m, good to soft), with PANT LLIN (1lb better off) a distance 4th. GENERAL MERCHANT 5l 2nd of 10 to Flashthecash in a handicap chase at Fontwell (2m 2f, soft), with CALORA, RADICAL REQUEST and AUTUMN ZULU all pulled up. GANOON 21l 4th of 11 to Carbonate in a handicap chase at Worcester (2m, heavy), with CITY INDEX (same terms) 14½l 6th. RYCO 2½l 3rd of 7 to Red Amber in a novice chase at Fontwell on penultimate start (3m 2f 110yd, soft).
Selection: GENERAL MERCHANT

2.50 NATIONAL LETTERBOX MARKETING HANDICAP CHASE (£3,525: 3m 1f) (6 runners)

1 14P-442 KNIGHT OIL 52 (B,CD,F,G,S) (R A Bott (Wigmore St) Ltd) O Sherwood 10-12-0 J Osborne 93
2 F/5-1PP TORT 51 (CD,G,S) (R Perkins) P Dalton 9-11-4 — N Mann 92
3 1243/13- RICH REMORSE 411 (CD,F,S) (M Rogers) R Curtis 14-11-0 — D Morris 98
4 2-31U12 BIT OF A CLOWN 27 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (J Sumner) Mrs I McKie 10-10-10 — L Harvey 96
5 P2F-P13 JUST MOSS 21 (G,S) (C Poore) R Rowe 7-10-8 — R Dunwoody [illegible]
6 1-PF04U MONTGOMERY 50 (B,CD,F,G,S) W McKenzie-Coles 12-10-0 — W Irvine 73

Long handicap: Montgomery 8-12

BETTING: 10-11 Bit Of A Clown, 100-30 Knight Oil, 11-2 Just Moss, 13-2 Rich Remorse, 14-1 Tort, 40-1 Montgomery

FORM FOCUS

KNIGHT OIL 3l 2nd of 6 to Fit For Firing in a handicap chase at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, heavy). TORT beat Fighting Jessica 2l in a 7-runner handicap chase over course and distance on reappearance in October (good). BIT OF A CLOWN beat Direct 1½l in a 10-runner handicap chase over course and distance on penultimate start (soft). JUST MOSS 7l 3rd of 17 to Young Hustler in a handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, soft).
Selection: BIT OF A CLOWN

3.20 CANONS ASHBY CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,836: 2m 5f) (13 runners)

1 01F421 CELCIUS 26 (B,F,G,S) (Pipe/Scudamore Racing Club) M Pipe 9-11-13 — P Scudamore 98
2 3UUP0-P CAPTAIN AHAB 26 (F) (Brackley, Dorain, Matthews) J White 9-11-9 — M A Fitzgerald –
3 0-034UF KAMEO STYLE 23 (F,G,S) (J Splitts) F Jordan 10-11-9 — J Lodder –
4 221/6F4 OSTURA 28 (S) (Chalfont-St-Giles Feathers Partnership) J White 8-11-8 — B Clifford (3) 81
5 414-0P SMARTIE LEE 14 (G) (Newman Hill Plant Hire Ltd) P Cole 6-11-8 — J Osborne 73
6 42-P003 CHILD OF THE MIST 23 (G,S) (J Whyte) John Whyte 7-11-5 — A Maguire 81
7 500503 CLARE LAD 27 (F,G,S) (Tarrell Employment Group Ltd) D Windle 10-11-5 — R Bellamy 70
8 50326-0 DOMINION TREASURE 14 (CD,G,S) (Mrs G Hubbard) R Baker 8-11-5 — W McFarland 78
9 /P6P/PP MADFA 18 (S) (A Spence) R Alebarsi 8-11-5 — R Dunwoody –
10 31P6-P5 STATED CASE 27 (B,G,S) (Gymcrak Racing & Plc) M H Easterby 8-11-5 — L Wyer [illegible]
11 30 ESCADARO 8 (Mrs V Ward) Mrs V Ward 4-11-4 — D Gallagher 77
12 8/0-PP0P IT'S SO 26 (B,S) (A Kosby) W G Turner 7-11-1 — Tracy Turner –
13 00 ERLEMO 47 (B) (Mrs C O'Hanlon) W Clay 4-11-0 — J O'Hanlon (7) 70

BETTING: 1-2 Celcius, 4-1 Stated Case, 8-1 Kameo Style, 14-1 Smartie Lee, 16-1 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

CELCIUS beat Walsalsan 6l in a 15-runner claiming hurdle at Haydock (2m 4f, good to soft). Previously, 4l 2nd of 12 to Global Prince in a 12-runner handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, heavy). SMARTIE LEE 14l 4th of 7 to Sailor Boy in a novice hurdle at Lingfield on final start last season (AW, 2m 2f, standard). CHILD OF THE MIST 27l 3rd of 5 to Super Ritchart in a handicap hurdle at Leicester (2m, soft). CLARE LAD 12l 3rd of 18 to Captain Barney in a conditional jockeys' selling handicap hurdle over course and distance (heavy). SCADARO 13l 3rd of 11 to Seagull Hollow in a novice hurdle at Wetherby on penultimate start (2m, soft).
Selection: CELCIUS

3.50 BOUGHTON HOUSE NOVICES CHASE (£2,846: 2m 6f) (9 runners)

1 65-61PP MR DYNAMIC 14 (S) (D Deacon) D Deacon 11-11-10 — W Marston (3) 65
2 025-1 SHANAGHEY WEST 10 (G,S) (Mrs T McCoubrey) J Jenkins 9-11-10 — R Dunwoody 72
3 P-03554 JACK SNIPE 12 (Mrs A Mildmay-White) R Frost 6-11-4 — J Frost –
4 56-3565 LIRE LAD 30 (B Brenton) P Rodford 7-11-4 — I Shoemark –
5 F-083FP LUCKY HELMET 30 (S) (W McKenzie-Coles) W McKenzie-Coles 9-11-4 — S Burrough –
6 0040P MAUREEN'S FANCY 55 (Mrs B Cooney) J Parkes 8-11-4 — N Smith –
7 P0-FF2P SHEER ABILITY 29 (M Devlin) Mrs F Walwyn 7-11-4 — B de Haan 79
8 3-88843 THE WIDGET MAN 10 (D,G,S) (A Haley) J Gifford 7-11-4 — D Murphy [illegible]
9 54-5 JOBURN 15 (Mrs G MacKay) S Sherwood 10-10-13 — G Upton –

BETTING: 13-8 The Widget Man, 4-1 Shanaghey West, Sheer Ability, 6-1 Joburn, 12-1 Mr Dynamic, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

MR DYNAMIC beat Father Dowling 3l in an 8-runner novice chase at Newton Abbot in December (3m 2f 110yd, heavy), with LUCKY HELMET (6lb better off) a distance 3rd. SHANAGHEY WEST beat Woody Will 6l in a 4-runner novice chase at Lingfield (2m, heavy). SHEER ABILITY 8l 2nd of 13 to Silverino in a novice handicap chase at Lingfield on penultimate start (3m, heavy). THE WIDGET MAN 9l 3rd of 11 to Shannon Glen in a novice chase at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, soft). JOBURN 22l 4th of 11 to Viridian in a novice chase at Wolverhampton on final start last season (3m 1f, good).
Selection: THE WIDGET MAN

4.20 CASTLE ASHBY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,480: 2m 5f) (8 runners)

1 11-121 LA PRINCESSE 30 (D,S) (Mrs B Samuel) O Sherwood 6-11-11 — J Osborne [illegible]
2 R1-2221 COOL CLOWN 16 (G,S) (Mrs P Browne) M Pipe 6-11-10 — P Scudamore 98
3 0P3-481 FANTASY WORLD 17 (S) (F Welch) J Gifford 7-11-5 — D Murphy 84
4 665 DOROBO 21 (Lady Lewinton) T Forster 5-11-4 — C Llewellyn 70
5 6/P0 SPRING BASH 17 (T Pearson) B McMahon 8-11-4 — T Wall –
6 450P HAZEL HILL 58 (J Cresswell) J Cresswell 7-10-13 — T Eley (5) –
7 D-00 LIRELLA 30 (B Brenton) P Rodford 6-10-13 — I Shoemark –
8 2P4523 PRUDENT PEGGY 21 (Mrs J McCormack) R Frost 6-10-13 — J Frost 94

BETTING: 6-4 La Princesse, 15-8 Cool Clown, 9-2 Fantasy World, 12-1 Dorobo, Prudent Peggy, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

LA PRINCESSE beat PRUDENT PEGGY (5lb better off) 10l in a novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 6f, soft), with FANTASY WORLD (1lb worse off) 4l 3rd. COOL CLOWN beat What A Noble 1½l in a novice hurdle at Folkestone (2m 6f 110yd, soft). FANTASY WORLD beat Anna Valley a short head in a 17-runner novice hurdle Fontwell (2m 2f, soft). PRUDENT PEGGY 15½l 3rd of 8 to Dubacilla in a novice handicap chase at Wincanton (2m, soft).
Selection: COOL CLOWN (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
O Sherwood	13	43	30.2	A S Smith	4	15	26.7
O Brennan	11	46	23.9	N Mann	3	12	25.0
Mrs I McKie	14	67	20.9	R Beggan	10	50	20.0
M Pipe	7	53	13.2	T Wall	4	22	18.2
T Forster	9	86	10.5	J Osborne	8	48	16.7
Only qualifiers				P Scudamore	7	42	16.7

Piggott's vow to go for tenth Derby win

LESTER Piggott yesterday pledged to go all out for a tenth Derby victory as he prepared for his return to action in Dubai tomorrow.

The legendary jockey makes his comeback at Nad Al Sheba racecourse just three months after a heavy fall at the Breeders' Cup meeting in Florida.

Piggott, 57, fractured his collar-bone and broke two ribs when Mr Brooks crashed to the ground in the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Gulfstream Park, Miami.

Initially it was feared that the injuries might be serious enough to force the former champion back into retirement.

However, Piggott said yesterday: "The thought of retiring again has never cropped up. I feel well and race-riding is all I know."

He will team up with his former employer Vincent O'Brien in Ireland this spring and their main hopes for classic glory rest with Fatherland.

"I'd like to win the Derby once more before I retire, to make it a nice figure of ten times," he added.

Two of Britain's leading owners, Shaikh Mohammed and Shaikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum, are expected to join a capacity 5,000 crowd for Piggott's comeback on the Nad Al Sheba sand course.

In preparation for his return, Piggott has undergone an intensive round of swimming and walking, and ridden work for trainer Dhruba Selvaratnam.

He will ride in four of the seven races on Friday, his mounts being the former British-trained horses Mudaffar, Walk In The Park, Red Rainbow and Greendale.

Other British-based jockeys in action at the meeting include Richard Hills.

On Thursday and Friday of next week, Piggott is planning to ride at Shaikh Ahmed's racecourse, Jebel Ali.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MARTIN'S LAMP (1.50 Towcester)

Next best: Cool Clown (4.20 Towcester)

Trainglot gamble

THE gamble on Trainglot for Saturday's £20,000-added Tote Jackpot Handicap Hurdle at Sandown Park gathered momentum yesterday with Ladbrokes and Hills cutting his odds again. Jimmy Fitzgerald's five-year-old, winner of the 1991 Cesarewitch, is now 7-2 clear favourite with both firms.

EDINBURGH

THUNDERER

2.00 John Naman. 2.30 Kushbaloo. 3.00 Wishing Gate. 3.30 One For The Pot. 4.00 Barkisland. 4.30 Chill Wind.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

2.00 LOGANLEA CLAIMING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,724: 2m) (11)

1 0 PERSIAN LION 13 F Watson 10-11 — S Lyons (5)
2 ROSE'S MATE N Alexander 10-11 — B Storey
3 4404 CYRILL HENRY 14 M Dods 10-10 — P Waggott (7)
4 5601 JOHN NAMAN 20 (CD,G) P Monteith 10-10 — M Moloney
5 60 LEONADIS POLK 13 J Johnson 10-9 — A Larnach (5)
6 P NOT GORDONS 92 J Johnson 10-9 — A Orkney
7 1 SPEEDY SIOUX 117 (D,G) S Chadwick 10-9 — Miss J Thurlow
8 0B' AGWA 5 J Gillan 10-7 — P Williams (7)
9 5652 MILLYEL 14 P Monteith 10-4 — D J Moffatt (5)
10 UF5 SHAYNA MAIDEL 5 J Birkett 10-4 — A Jones
11 00 RAVECINO 27 J Haldane 10-2 — N Leach (7)

15-8 John Naman, 7-2 Speedy Sioux, 4-1 Millyel, 5-1 Cyrill Henry, 7-1 Shayna Maidel, 14-1 Agwa, 16-1 Leonadis Polk, 25-1 others.

2.30 PENICUIK NOVICES CHASE (£2,151: 3m) (7)

1 PP11 ITYFUL 27 (V,C,G) B Wilkinson 7-12-0 — C Grant
2 3111 KUSHBALOO 92 (G) C Parker 8-12-0 — B Storey
3 6023 CLASSIC MINSTREL 14 Mrs S Bradburne 9-11-4 — T Reed
4 440U MUIRFIELD 27 K Oliver 7-11-4 — A Orkney
5 8U2- SPY HILL 338 Mrs S Bramall 7-11-4 — J Burke (7)
6 /PSF VERY CHEERING 13 Mrs S Smith 10-11-4 — K Johnson
7 00/0 ELEGANT MARY 12 (S) W Barker 9-10-13 — G Harker

5-4 Kushbaloo, 5-2 Ityful, 3-1 Classic Minstrel, 10-1 Spy Hill, 14-1 Muirfield, 25-1 Elegant Mary, Very Cheering.

3.00 HARPERRIG MAIDEN HURDLE (£1,924: 3m) (14)

1 040P CAPTAIN TEACH 20 (V) P Monteith 7-11-6 — P Williams (7)
2 F40F GINGER PINK 12 J Johnson 7-11-6 — A Orkney
3 8-00 GREEN TRIX 90 C Parker 5-11-6 — B Storey
4 U0-P MANAGEMENT 15 R Allan 5-11-6 — G McGrath (7)
5 4433 NEW CHARGES 38 (G) P Beaumont 6-11-6 — Mrs A Farrell
6 20/0 SELF IMPORTANT 27 D Nolan 8-11-6 — D Nolan
7 006P SHARED FORTUNE 12 W Kemp 5-11-6 — S McDougall (7)
8 0- SONNENKA 398 R Lamb 6-11-6 — A Merrigan
9 060 TOUR EIFFEL 54 (B) R Armytage 6-11-6 — Mr M Armytage
10 0-P0 UNCLES-LAD 20 R Armytage 5-11-6 — N Bentley (3)
11 -042 WISHING GATE 27 M Hammond 5-11-6 — C Grant
12 0 ZULU FIGHTER 99 N Mason 5-11-6 — J Supple (7)
13 4-6P BLUEBELL TRACK 8 (B) V Thompson 7-11-1 — T Reed
14 05 SEA PET 29 J Birkett 4-10-3 — D Barry (7)

5-4 Wishing Gate, 7-4 New Charges, 8-1 Green Trix, 10-1 Captain Teach, Ginger Pink, 16-1 Sea Pet, 20-1 Self Important, 33-1 others.

3.30 ANDERSON STRATHERN W S NOVICES CHASE (£2,398: 2m) (7)

1 453F KILLULA KING 38 (G) P Cheesbrough 6-11-10 — C Grant
2 F-14 ONE FOR THE POT 5 (D,BF,G,S) M Naughton 8-11-10 A Orkney
3 04-0 GALLOWAY RAIDER 8 (D,F,S) Denys Smith 9-11-4 — P Niven
4 5030 KEEP SHARP 6 Mrs S Smith 7-11-4 — A Jones
5 U250 KHARIF 75 (B,D,F,G,S) R Allan 9-11-4 — B Storey
6 FP6P RALLYE STRIPE 22 Mrs S Bramall 9-11-4 — Mr S Brisby
7 0P02 ANTONIN 14 Mrs S Bramall 5-10-8 — J Burke (7)

13-8 Antonin, 5-2 Killula King, 3-1 One For The Pot, 10-1 Kharif, 14-1 Keep Sharp, 16-1 Galloway Raider, 25-1 Rallye Stripe.

4.00 J R MCNAIR HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £2,724: 2m 4f) (14)

1 0555 POETIC GEM 20 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Smith 8-12-0 R Wilkinson (7)
2 4-04 ISLAND JETSETTER 9 (F,G,S) Mrs S Smith 7-11-13 — C Mulhall (7)
3 6131 SIMPLE PLEASURE 8 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Stirk 8-11-7 (4ex) — S Swiers
4 2166 RIVER HOUSE 59 (C,D,F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 11-11-6 — P Johnson (5)
5 U23P STEPFASTER 64 (D,F,G) P Cheesbrough 8-11-6 — M Armytage
6 2523 DIANES DESTINY 62 (F,G,S) J Upson 9-11-0 — Mrs B Towler (7)
7 1325 BARKISLAND 28 (BF,S) P Beaumont 9-10-7 — Mrs A Farrell (3)
8 PPU6 CONTACT KELVIN 6 (D,F,G,S) N Bycroft 11-10-6 — R Hale (7)
9 P2P5 ABSAILOR 59 (C,F) Mrs S Bradburne 9-10-6 — Miss A Stirk (7)
10 35-0 PORTAVOGIE 53 (C,G,S) C Parker 9-10-5 — D Parker (7)
11 -FP6 DEADLINE 17 (D,G,S) S Chadwick 10-10-2 — Miss J Thurlow (7)
12 P-P0 JUST PRETEND 8 V Thompson 9-10-0 — N Wilson (7)
13 PPP6 CARD PARTY 8 N Waggott 8-10-0 — M Coglan (7)
14 04-4 MOYODE REGENT 8 R Lamb 9-10-0 — A Manners (7)

3-1 Simple Pleasure, 9-2 Dianes Destiny, 5-1 Barkisland, 7-1 Portavogie, River House, 10-1 Island Jetsetter, Stepfaster, 16-1 Poetic Gem, 20-1 others.

4.30 WALLYFORD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,305: 2m 4f) (9)

1 1158 JULIETSKI 110 (D,BF,F,G) M Hammond 5-11-10 — P Niven
2 -200 TIMANFAYA 12 Mrs D Cullum 6-11-1 — T Reed
3 -040 TOPFORMER 13 F Watson 6-11-0 — S Lyons (5)
4 -141 REXY BOY 59 (CD,S) W Barker 6-10-11 — G Harker
5 1 CHILL WIND 129 (F) N Bycroft 4-10-10 — C Grant
6 4001 TRUMP 20 (C,G) C Parker 4-10-9 — B Storey
7 4-0P OLD MORTALITY 15 R Allan 7-10-1 — M Moloney
8 0-00 DENTICULATA 19 P Spottiswood 5-10-0 — F Perratt (7)
9 -P0U NAVAL RAID 33 Mrs J Goodfellow 6-10-0 — K Johnson

9-4 Rexy Boy, 11-4 Trump, 4-1 Chill Wind, 9-2 Julietski, 10-1 Timanfaya, 12-1 Topformer, 20-1 Old Mortality, 25-1 other.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Johnson, 6 from 26, 23.1%; Denys Smith, 9 from 49, 18.4%; C Parker, 3 from 17, 17.6%; P Monteith, 6 from 44, 13.6% (Only qualifiers)

JOCKEYS: Mr S Swiers, 4 winners from 11 rides, 36.4%; P Niven, 22 from 80, 27.5%; C Grant, 14 from 64, 21.9%; P Williams, 4 from 19, 21.1%; A Orkney, 9 from 44, 20.5%; K Johnson, 4 from 22, 18.2%

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

1.40 Pleasure Ahead. 2.10 Mu-Arrik. 2.40 Present Times. 3.10 Diamond Lucy. 3.40 Sarum. 4.10 Bill Moon.

GOING: STANDARD — SIS

DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.40 HANSOM CLAIMING STAKES (£2,556: 1m 5f) (8 runners)

1 -141 BREAKDANCER 7 (C,F) W Muir 4-8-9 — T Quinn 6
2 -050 IRON BARON 10 (B,G,S) R Hollinshead 4-8-5 — W Ryan 7
3 -223 LYPH 12 P Hedger 7-8-5 — A Tucker (3) 1
4 400- SOUL TRADER 149 Mrs A Knight 4-8-5 — Marie Plowright (7) 2
5 60-3 PLEASURE AHEAD 21 (C) A Moore 6-8-3 — B Russell (7) 4
6 0-0 WRITTEN AGREEMENT 12 R Peacock 5-8-3 — F Norton (3) 8
7 65-2 SHARP DANCE 7 B Smart 4-7-10 — J Quinn 5
8 3-30 FIRST FLING 19 J Scargill 4-7-8 — G Bardwell 3

9-4 Breakdancer, 5-2 Pleasure Ahead, 4-1 Lyph, 5-1 Iron Baron, 6-1 Sharp Dance, 8-1 First Fling, 12-1 Soul Trader, 16-1 Written Agreement.

2.10 ALPINE MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£2,208: 7f) (5)

1 -224 EXPRESS SERVICE 6 (BF) W O'Gorman 4-9-0 — Emma O'Gorman (3) 3
2 0-34 MU-ARRIK 10 (B) J Wainwright 5-9-0 — G Parkin (7) 4
3 4- OTHELLO 35 T Mills 4-9-0 — J Quinn 5
4 0-20 PRINCESS DECHTRA 20 R Hollinshead 4-8-9 — W Ryan 1
5 205- WELL BOUGHT 341 C Lines 4-8-9 — K Rutter (5) 2

7-4 Mu-Arrik, 9-4 Express Service, 7-2 Princess Dechtra, 5-1 Othello, 8-1 Well Bought.

2.40 DAILY STAR CHALLENGE HANDICAP (£2,684: 1m 2f) (10)

1 1-36 LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 13 (CD,BF,F,G) Bob Jones 5-10-0 — N Day 1
2 -500 MAJAL 13 (F) J Wainwright 4-9-8 — D Biggs 4
3 140- MERSEYSIDE MAN 320 (V,CD,F) J Scargill 7-9-0 K Rutter (5) 10
4 000- FRIENDLYPERSUASION 49 (D,G) R Hollinshead 5-8-11 — W Ryan 8
5 423- ELIZABETHAN AIR 27J (F,S) A Chamberlain 4-8-9 — J Quinn 3
6 -600 MODESTO 12 (CD,G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-5 G Bardwell 5
7 63-5 APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE 12 (B,D,G) A Reid 6-8-2 — P McCabe (7) 2
8 004- NORDANSK 13J M Madgwick 4-7-12 — T Williams 7
9 30-2 PRESENT TIMES 12 (C) A Moore 7-7-12 — B Russell (7) 9
10 00/0 DUNMAGLASS 72 R Ingram 6-7-11 — S Drowne (7) 6

5-2 Present Times, 4-1 Lookingforarainbow, 5-1 Nordansk, 6-1 Friendlypersuasion, 8-1 Applianceofscience, 10-1 Elizabethan Air, 12-1 Merseyside Man, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Hollinshead, 10 winners from 22 runners, 45.5%; B Hills, 20 from 58, 34.5%; Lord Huntingdon, 9 from 32, 28.1%; W O'Gorman, 29 from 125, 23.2%; M Johnston, 12 from 65, 18.5%; D Elsworth, 8 from 44, 18.2%

JOCKEYS: Emma O'Gorman, 29 winners from 117 rides, 24.8%; B Russell, 4 from 21, 19.0%; T Quinn, 46 from 245, 18.8%; N Day, 15 from 85, 17.6%; K Rutter, 6 from 34, 17.6%; W Ryan, 19 from 127, 15.0%

3.10 LANDAU HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,348: 1m 2f) (12)

1 0-1 DIAMOND LUCY 28 (CD) W O'Gorman 9-7 — Emma O'Gorman (3) 12
2 -011 BROUGHTONS FORMULA 10 (B) W Musson 8-12 (5ex) — J Quinn 1
3 60-4 AIR COMMAND 26 (E) S Dow 8-11 — A McGlone 6
4 04-3 HALHAM TARN 15 D Elsworth 8-11 — J Williams 3
5 -531 ANNI HILL 12 (CD) R Hollinshead 8-9 — M Humphries (7) 11
6 0-43 MEDLAND 7 A Denson 8-7 — 5
7 50-0 FREE DANCER 24 B Brotherton 8-6 — N Adams 7
8 -324 SPECIAL RISK 19 (B) M Bell 8-6 — M Fenton (5) 10
9 40-5 UMHAMBI 18 B Hills 8-4 — W Ryan 8
10 00-0 ARCTIC GUEST 24 (F) M Johnston 7-12 — T Williams 4
11 00-0 GENTLE MOMENT 12 (B) G Harwood 7-9 — Gaye Harwood (7) 9
12 0-44 BUZZ-B-BABE 12 B Ellison 7-9 — G Bardwell 2

3-1 Broughtons Formula, 7-2 Diamond Lucy, 5-1 Anni Hill, 6-1 Umhambi, 8-1 Medland, Halham Tarn, 10-1 Special Risk, Air Command, 12-1 others.

3.40 PHAETON APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,536: 1m) (5)

1 -011 EASTLEIGH 16 (CD,S) R Hollinshead 4-10-0 — D Carson 4
2 12-4 KING PARROT 5 (CD) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-7 J Wilkinson (5) 5
3 3333 SARUM 7 (CD,BF,F) C Wildman 7-8-6 — A Martinez 3
4 00-5 QUEEN OF DREAMS 5 J Scargill 5-8-0 — G Milligan 1
5 0-55 NORTHERN CONQUEROR 12 (F,G) T Naughton 5-7-11 — M Jermy 2

2-1 Eastleigh, 5-2 King Parrot, 3-1 Sarum, 6-1 Queen Of Dreams, 8-1 Northern Conqueror.

4.10 DOG CART AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£2,669: 6f) (14)

1 04-4 LOVE LEGEND 33 (F,G) D Arbuthnot 8-12-0 — Mrs D Arbuthnot (5) 10
2 62-2 SUMMER EXPRESS 5 (CD) J Spearing 4-11-8 — Miss C Spearing (5) 9
3 20-4 TYRIAN PURPLE 16 (F,S) T Naughton 5-11-6 — R Teal 13
4 00-0 JUST BOB 10 (B,D,F,G) S Kettlewell 4-11-5 — Mrs D Kettlewell (5) 12
5 -610 NOBBY BARNES 12 (CD) D Wilson 4-11-4 — Miss E Bronson 4
6 06-2 LYNDON'S LINNET 12 (F) R Ingram 5-11-0 — P Killick (5) 8
7 8-00 RUSHANES 12 (CD,S) T Casey 6-10-13 Mrs C Dunwoody (5) 2
8 0-46 VELOCE BJ (B,F) A Bailey 5-10-12 — W Dixon (5) 6
9 5-03 SAMSOLOM 10 (F) P Howling 5-10-12 — Mrs L Pearce 14
10 60-0 COURTING NEWMARKET 13 (CD) Mrs A Knight 5-10-7 — Miss S A Billot 11
11 0-04 BILL MOON 12 (C,D,F,G) P Felden 7-10-3 — Miss J Feilden 1
12 0-40 SAMURAI GOLD 12 (V,D,F,S) C James 5-10-2 — E James (5) 5
13 530- LONELY LASS 72 A Jones 7-9-9 — Miss I Diana W Jones 7
14 04-6 INSWINGER 5 (CD) W Wightman 7-9-7 — G Kills (5) 3

9-2 Love Legend, 5-1 Lyndon's Linnet, 11-2 Samsolom, 6-1 Nobby Barnes, 7-1 Summer Express, 8-1 Bill Moon, 10-1 Veloce, Tyrian Purple, 12-1 others.

Second Brennan injured

HELEN Brennan, the daughter of Newark trainer, Owen Brennan, faces a lengthy spell on the sidelines after breaking several vertebrae in her back when Loxley Range fell at Nottingham on Tuesday.

The mishap is the second to befall the racing family in less than a week. Helen's brother, Martin, broke a leg at Doncaster last Friday.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Leicester

Going: soft

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, TUDOR DA SAMBA (P Scudamore, Evens fav); 2, Achelous (G Bradley, 8-1); 3, Cherryls Pet (K Harmett, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Shadanza (pu), 12 Amoureuse (5th), 16 Silky Siren (pu), 25 Singing Reply (4th), 33 Aldington Baby Mae (ur), 66 Normead Lass (pu). 9 ran. NR: Finneran's Fantasy. 10l, 4l, 1½l, 25l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £1.90; £1.00, £2.40, £2.20. DF: £8.60. CSF: £9.46. Bought in 2,400gns.

2.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, ROBINGO (P Scudamore, 3-1); 2, High Altitude (C Grant, 5-2); 3, Sun Surfer (C Llewellyn, 4-5 fav). 3 ran. 3l, 1½l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2.90. DF: £3.90. CSF: £8.38.

2.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, KENTISH PIPER (C Llewellyn, 9-4); 2, Obie's Train (P Scudamore, 15-8 fav); 3, Chiasso Forte (B Clifford, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Tri Folene (pu), 16 Western Legend (4th), Merrimoore (6th), 20 The Leggett, 33 Field Conqueror (5th). 8 ran. NR: Golden Freeze. 7l, 4l, hd, 15l, 20l. N Gaselee at Lambourn. Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £1.60, £1.60. DF: £3.40. CSF: £6.56. Tricast: £13.07.

3.00 (3m ch) 1, SUPERIOR FINISH (B de Haan, 8-13 fav); 2, Dublin Flyer (C Llewellyn, 6-4); 3, Kilclooney Forrest (A Lamach, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 50 Royal Guy (4th). 4 ran. 20l, dist. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £1.40. DF: £1.20. CSF: £1.81.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, STE-JEN (N Bentley, 4-1); 2, Sandhurst Park (E Byrne, 5-2); 3, Porto Heli (P Scudamore, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 9 Pondered Bid (5th), 11 Commanche Sioux (4th), 16 Tophard (6th), 66 Desperate Man (pu). 7 ran. 4l, 12l, 4l, dist, 8l. G Moore at Middleham. Tote: £6.40; £3.20, £1.80. DF: £11.90. CSF: £13.77.

4.00 (2m hdle) 1, ROVULENKA (J Lower, 7-2); 2, Benjamin (M Hazell, 11-8 fav); 3, Pectorus (P Scudamore, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 12 Oh So Windy (4th), 25 Streeley Prince (pu), Charlie Richards (5th), Golden Supreme, 50 Proctors Row (6th). 9 ran. 4l, 2½l, 12l, 2l, 7l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £4.70; £1.10, £1.10, £1.40. DF: £5.80. CSF: £7.80.

Placepot: £21.40.

Windsor

Going: good to soft (soft last five races)

1.20 (2m hdle) 1, Boycott (G Upton, 25-1); 2, The Glow (9-4 fav); 3, Sylvia Beach (8-1). 17 ran. 8l, 7l. S Sherwood. Tote: £26.20; £5.10, £1.50, £1.90. DF: £112.40. CSF: £77.90.

1.50 (3m ch) 1, Letterfore (Mr T Byrne, 7-2); 2, Proud Point (8-1); 3, Pete's Sake (9-2). Tangled String 9-4 fav. 10 ran. 30l, ¾l. J Upson. Tote: £4.80; £1.70, £2.30, £2.10. DF: £21.40. CSF: £30.76.

2.20 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, Grey Hussar (R Dunwoody, 7-2); 2, Woodside Heath (14-1); 3, Western Dancer (14-1). Nickdup 7-4 fav. 11 ran. 3l, 8l. N Henderson. Tote: £4.40; £1.50, £4.80, £2.10. DF: £59.80. CSF: £46.23. Tricast: £558.23.

2.50 (3m ch) 1, Dandy Minstrel (D Bridgwater, 20-1); 2, Brave Defender (13-2); 3, Bird Of Spirit (14-1). Clever Shepherd 9-4 fav. 12 ran. NR: Market Forces, Gunner Stream. 8l, 12l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £32.40; £4.60, £1.90, £3.10. DF: £187.10. CSF: £136.80. Tricast: £1,712.93.

3.20 (2m hdle) 1, Cultured (N Williamson, 7-2); 2, Rutland Water (10-1); 3, Virkon Venture (9-4 fav). 22 ran. 20l, 8l. J White. Tote: £4.60; £1.90, £4.20, £1.70. DF: £43.30. CSF: £43.69.

3.50 (2m 5f ch) 1, Re-Release (M Foster, 11-4); 2, DK Correl (5-2 fav); 3, Socks Downe (3-1). 5 ran. 3l, 1½l. M Pipe. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £1.60. DF: £3.00. CSF: £9.25.

4.20 (2m hdle) 1, Cardinal Bird (M Perrett, 8-1); 2, Zealous Kitten (Evens fav); 3, Always Ready (7-1). 13 ran. 1l, 5l. S Mellor. Tote: £12.10; £2.20, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £13.50. CSF: £18.52. Tricast: £61.02.

Placepot: £379.70.

Southwell

Going: standard

1.40 (2m hdle) 1, Local Flyer (S Keightley, 2-1 fav); 2, Cosmic Future (11-1); 3, Kingon (4-1). 11 ran. 2½l, 4l. J Banks. Tote: £4.00; £1.70, £2.20, £1.90. DF: £39.20. CSF: £26.33.

2.10 (2m hdle) 1, Dara Melody (M Dwyer, 13-2); 2, Silk Dynasty (13-2); 3, Glossy (9-2). Sovereign Niche 5-2 fav. 11 ran. 2l, 10l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £5.20; £1.50, £2.70, £2.20. DF: £14.80. CSF: £48.18. Tricast: £197.29. Bought in 3,000gns.

2.40 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Cosmic Dancer (A Carroll, 9-4 fav); 2, Master Dancer (4-1); 3, Mo Ichi Do (14-1). 10 ran. 8l, ¾l. S Woods. Tote: £3.70; £1.30, £1.60, £5.90. DF: £9.70. CSF: £12.15. Tricast: £98.44.

3.10 (3m hdle) 1, Trust Deed (P Niven, 8-1); 2, Safari Keeper (12-1); 3, Rosaleen (25-1). In Deep Water 6-4 fav. 10 ran. 20l, 10l. Mrs A Knight. Tote: £8.00; £1.50, £4.90, £14.30. DF: £38.80. CSF: £99.29.

3.40 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Munir (J A Harris, 11-8 fav); 2, It's Not My Fault (8-1); 3, Fling In Spring (10-1). 8 ran. 3½l, 7l. J Harris. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £2.10, £2.20. DF: £11.40. CSF: £14.01. Tricast: £83.39.

4.10 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Mizyan (S Keightley, 7-4 fav); 2, Tristan's Comet (7-1); 3, Itewin (11-2). 11 ran. 1½l, 6l. J Banks. Tote: £2.30; £1.70, £1.40, £2.10. DF: £9.30. CSF: £15.39. Tricast: £57.07.

Placepot: £246.40.

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DeFreitas cheered by speedy recovery

FROM PETER BALL IN CALCUTTA

AFTER ten days in Calcutta, England go back on their travels this morning to Vishakhapatnam, where they play the Rest of India in their only game before the second Test. The match starts tomorrow and will give some of the first-choice players a chance to search for form and the forgotten men the opportunity to remind the selectors of their existence.

The six players who missed the first Test — Atherton, DeFreitas, Reeve, Blakey, Emburey and Tufnell — are expected to play and will go into the match with differing hopes and expectations.

Atherton, kept out of the Calcutta Test by a virus infection, is certain to play in Madras; DeFreitas is likely to, having made a surprisingly quick recovery from his groin injury. "I was concerned because it was an old injury," DeFreitas said yesterday, after his sessions with Dave Roberts, the team physiotherapist, over the last two weeks had been rewarded beyond expectations.

"I call him the miracle worker," DeFreitas said. "I've been in agony some of the time, but I've been able to bowl flat out in the net for the last couple of days without feeling any reaction."

For Emburey and Tufnell, the game offers an opportunity and a challenge. Both need to prove their form and desire for a place in the next Test after being under something of a cloud.

"The trouble for me has been that the tour has been a little disjointed, with too little cricket," Emburey said, before going off for a day's golf as the team enjoyed a rare rest day.

"This next match is about getting into my rhythm, and the same goes for Phil Tufnell. Both of us have been bowling reasonably well in the nets, but not where it matters — out in the middle."

Just getting out into the middle is a cause for celebration for Richard Blakey, who has already picked up the nickname Lucan after only one appearance since his arrival, and that in the semi-official one-day game against Bishen Bedi's team.

He has found plenty of time to work on the video of India which he is making for his family, and admits: "I've never read so many books in my life.

"I didn't think it would be six weeks before I got a game because if Alec Stewart had been ill or injured I could have been thrown into a Test match without any match practice at all. But I'm not complaining. I'd rather be here very close to the Test side than on the A tour or sat at home."

On the face of it, close to the Test team is an overstatement, but if he gets runs against the Rest of India he could yet force himself into the reckoning. It would enable Stewart to concentrate on his batting with Blakey coming in at No. 6 and keeping wicket.

Much depends on how convincing the Yorkshireman now is against spin, once regarded as his weak point.

Ilott puts A team in control

THE fast bowlers, Mark Ilott and Andrew Caddick, each took four wickets as England A bowled out Australian Capital Territory (ACT) for 65 in two hours in Canberra yesterday, forcing them to follow on.

Ilott, the Essex left-armer, did the early damage by taking four wickets for 12 runs in his first 12 overs, while Caddick proved too hostile for the middle-order batsmen.

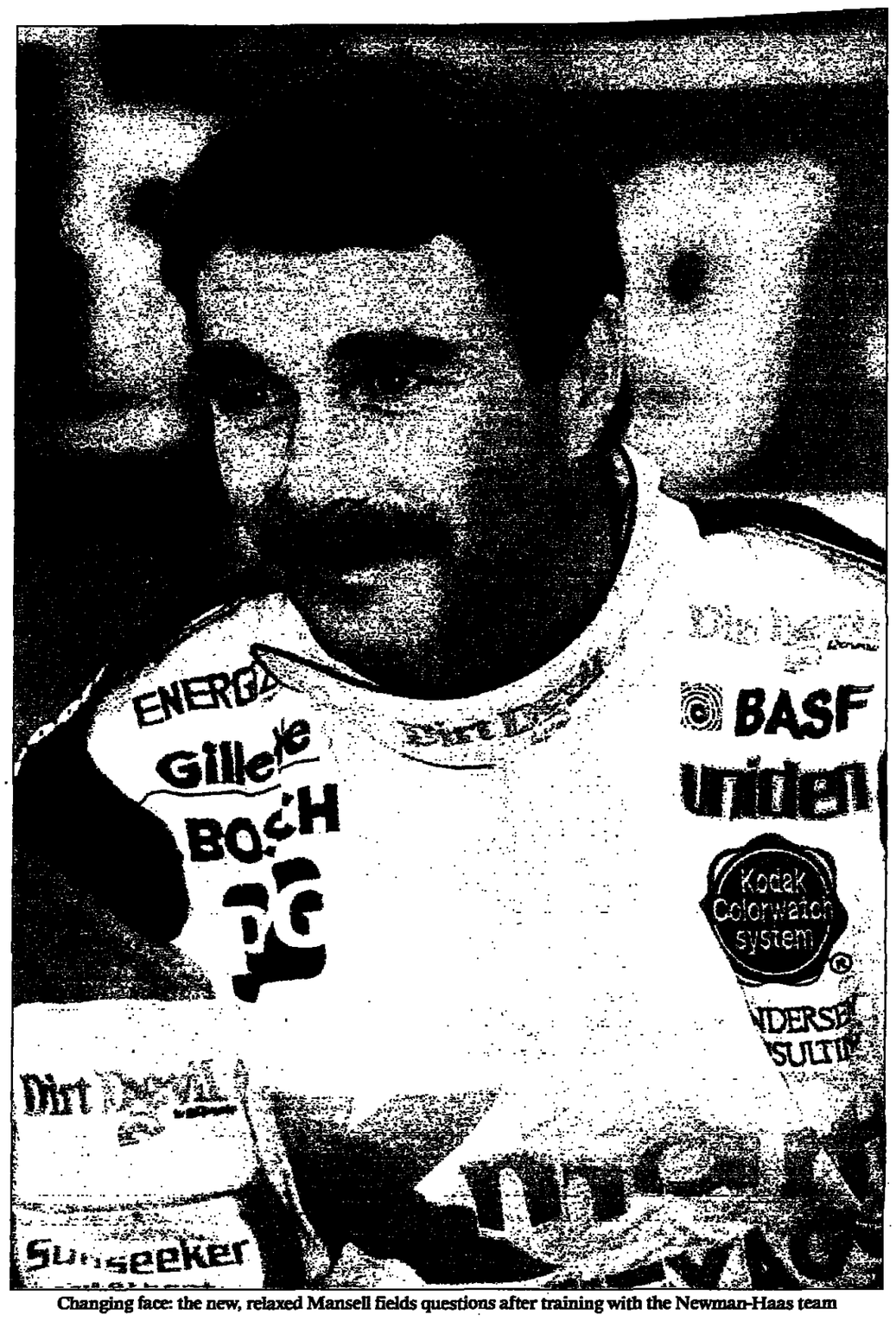
Hopes of a two-day win, which were high after Caddick and Dominic Cork had made early inroads into the ACT second innings, were dashed by the home captain, Peter Solway, who reached 50 in the last over of the day, and Nick Speak, of Lancashire, who shared an unbeaten partnership of 106 while taking the score to 128 for two, which left ACT still 186 runs behind.

Graham Lloyd, who split the thumb webbing of his left hand while making a slip catch, had to have three stitches inserted in the wound and will be out of action for ten days. He will miss the Tasmanian section of the tour.

The Test and County Cricket Board announced yesterday that the strength of the opposition would be taken into account when deciding which of the tour games will be recognised as first class.

With a single bound, Nigel was free

Simon Barnes, in Monterrey, examines America's growing love affair with IndyCar's prized British acquisition



Changing face: the new, relaxed Mansell fields questions after training with the Newman-Haas team

Nigel Mansell said "I love you all" and left, laughing happily. A public relations person said to me: "What has been really fantastic is the way the American media have responded to Nigel's sense of humour."

Sense of *what*?

But Mansell seems a man transformed. Only the ferocious driving remains the same. This week at Laguna Seca Raceway here in California, after a hiccuping morning session of testing, Mansell came back after lunch to shatter the track record. Michael Andretti set the record when he won pole position at the race here last October in 1min 11.2sec. Mansell trimmed that to 1min 10.9sec.

But even before that tumultuous lap, Nigel was laughing. In fact, he had a fit of giggles in the middle of a press conference and was unable to speak for half a minute, he was laughing so hard. Nigel was doing jokes. Nigel was relaxed. Nigel was happy: happy as the world has never seen him before.

The IndyCar season starts in Australia in March and rest assured, it will be a season that Indycar racing has never seen before. Blame the new man on the circuit for that: happy, humorous Nigel Mansell.

He is loving it. How do you rate things on a scale of ten. Nigel? "My team, my crew, my sponsors — they each get a ten. My driving gets a one — so I know who's got to do the work!!!" Forgive the punctuation, but Nigel really was talking in triple exclamation marks. He was getting the laughs to match, as well. His good cheer was highly infectious: he had a tent full of American scribes in stitches.

He kept stressing his own incompetence, the steepness of the learning curve ("And it's getting steeper!!!") and the problems of transferring from Formula One to IndyCars. He indulged in a positive orgy of frightfully British self-deprecation. It was a classic exhibition of heavy-handed wizard-prang humour: the perfect prelude to his record-breaking afternoon. Where on earth has this dashing Spitfire pilot-type chap come from?

Surely this can have nothing to do with the gloomy, whingeing, chippy, scowling, resentful person we have known in Formula One for season after season — the person for whom nothing was ever right. The car was wrong, the track was wrong, Ayrton was wrong, Alain was wrong, the whole bloody world was wrong. Even in his world championship season just gone, everything was wrong: somehow, Nigel the victor became, as usual, Nigel the victim.

He lost his drive in his sport's top car, and so, in something perilously close to a fit of pique, he transferred to IndyCars: a different sport and a different world. He has taken a salary cut of around three quarters this year to make it — settling for a feeble two million bucks a year — but this plunge to the breadline has made a new man of him.

Or perhaps it has freed the man who was always there, but never seen. I have always held to the Two Nigels Theory myself. Nigel One is the chap who drives the car like an avenging angel. But he gets his twin brother, Nigel Two — a hopeless whinger who has just had the charisma-bypass operation — to do the public appearances.

Now, suddenly, Nigel One is appearing in public. "You probabaly noticed that someone moved the apex of that last corner ... so I told the crew, this car doesn't have much grip when it's completely airborne ..." I know these are not hilarious jokes on paper, but they were carried off with a dash and an air that Mansell has never shown before.

And this sudden emergence of Nigel One might just shift the balance of power in motor racing worldwide. The prospect of Mansell's adventures in America has given IndyCar racing an international perspective it never had before. Mansell's arrival has also given a sharp boost to American interest.

It is an Adventure. Rather like a Yankee at the court of King Arthur, turned upside down. American-based multinational companies — and there are many — are suddenly aware that this comparative backwater of domestic sport could become a glorious, roaring, global billboard.

Mansell will be doing television programmes on IndyCars in Europe and in America: "The way I have been received here had overwhelmed me," he said. "I thought when I came to race in America, I would lose all my following. But it seems to have been a double-whammy. The old lot is still with me, and now I've got you lot as well!!!"

After Formula One, IndyCars is definitely second division stuff, at least in terms of money. "The single most impressive thing I have noticed is the total co-operation on the circuit. It is just so refreshing that everybody appears to be one family that wants to put on a show — yet it's very fierce, very competitive. You have the best of both worlds."

These are the words of a man on honeymooon, without a doubt. But Formula One is worried. Suddenly Europe is aware that IndyCar racing exists. For most Brits, the most intriguing thing in motor racing is not whether Williams will lead the procession for another year, but the unfolding chapters of Nigel's Great Adventure.

"Our appointment of Nigel has created a gravy train for all the other teams in Indycars," the PR person for the Newman-Haas team said. He is a happy man, almost as happy as Nigel.

Mansell is a little awed by it all. His busman's holiday seems to be getting a little out of hand. "One of the reasons I came here was to spend more time with my family," he said. "The way things are going, if I am not careful, I could be on the same deal as before — and be paid less!!!"

But even this was said with a guffaw of laughter, and all the American press laughed with him. After that, it was back to business and record-setting. Indycar racing is set for a season as never before — and so is Mansell. Happy Mansell. For this is Nigel Unbound.

BOXING

Dokes refuses to be counted out

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, IN NEW YORK

NOBODY gives Michael Dokes a chance against Riddick Bowe, the World Boxing Association (WBA) and International Boxing Federation (IBF) heavyweight champion, at Madison Square Garden on Saturday — except, perhaps, Michael Dokes. The former WBA champion's addiction to drugs at the age of 15, they say, has deprived him of the reflexes necessary to avoid blows.

His former manager, Marty Cohen, said: "His reflexes have gone and his legs have gone. When a racehorse gets like that you shoot it. When a boxer gets like that he's through. The drugs have taken their toll." But Dokes says: "They counted me out a long time ago but I kept coming back."

He does not hide the fact that he was an addict and is still in the process of rehabilitation. Dokes told the noted American columnist, Jerry Izenberg: "I'm an addict, a recovering addict. We always want things to happen now. I can't go down that route any more. I have to take my life day by day and sometimes minute by minute. My life is what this is all about."

He has still three years of probation to do following 47 days in jail for speeding under the influence of drugs in Las Vegas in 1991. He left boxing for 19 months after a four-punch knockout by Donovan Razor Ruddock in 1990, but has no recriminations.

On Tuesday at the Times Square gym, Dokes was doubled up by a right to the ribs from a sparring partner and then it was a case of hit and be hit and Dokes was being hit most.

☐ Robbie Regan, the European flyweight champion, has pulled out of his scheduled title defence against Danny Porter in Cardiff on Saturday because of a stomach upset.

Haller returns to helm in experimental post

A BLUEPRINT for the future of British swimming marks the return of Dave Haller to the helm of the national team after an absence of 13 years.

The Great Britain swimming federation has unveiled a new structure for the sport, after an independent enquiry into poor results at the Barcelona Olympic Games reported last week.

Haller, 48, will be "team performance director" up to and including the European championships, at Sheffield in August. The appointment falls short of the full-time, paid director of performance for Britain suggested by the Heatly report, but will test the waters for such a position.

Haller was head coach in Moscow and men's coach at Montreal, two of Britain's most successful Olympics. His remit includes motivating coaches and swimmers and helping elite competitors, and he will work alongside the full-time, salaried directors of swimming for England and Wales. The situation in Scotland is under review.

Below Haller will be two staff coaches, Terry Denison, who resigned as head coach after Barcelona, and Doug Campbell, also a staff coach in Spain.

Barbara Lancaster will be a popular choice as senior team manager, while Nick Juba is to be Haller's equivalent at junior level, with Craig Hunter as junior team manager.

TENNIS

Dejected Sánchez slips to defeat

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN DUBAI

AS THE players were too busy to go to the desert, the desert decided to come to the players at the Dubai Open yesterday. A force-six gale, known locally as the *Sharka*, swirled and gusted, blowing a fine sprinkling of sand over everything.

It was not just the players who were worried. At every changeover, a small army of men with vacuum cleaners appeared to try and repel the encroaching desert.

The last time Mark Cox had seen the like was in 1969 at a Davis Cup tie against South Africa in Bristol, when an anti-apartheid demonstrator threw a bag of flour on court.

Fighting both Ctislav Dosedel, from the Czech Republic, and the elements proved too much for the No. 7 seed, Javier Sánchez. Playing on an outside court, he double-faulted his way to defeat, looking more and more dejected until finally he gave in to the elements to lose 6-3, 6-2.

Thomas Muster almost went the same way, dropping the first set against Marcos Gorriz, of Spain, before winning 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.

As the covering of sand made the court difficult, Muster was unhappy to have had to play the match in such conditions. "I'm not used to playing a hard court event on clay courts," he said. "I forgot my sand wedge."

☐ Lucie Ahl, 18, from Exeter, beat Helena Vildova, the No. 7 seed from the Czech Republic, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 to reach the quarter-finals of the Lawn Tennis Association women's satellite tournament in Newcastle yesterday. She will be joined in the last eight by Lizzie Jelfs, 16, from Banbury, who beat Sarah Bentley, her fellow Briton, seeded fifth, 6-4, 7-5. The top seed, Svetlana Parhomenko, of Russia, lost 7-5, 1-6, 6-4 to Jitka Dubcova, of the Czech Republic.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

Late results on Tuesday

FA CUP: Fourth round: Swansea City 0, Grimsby Town 0 (replay on Tuesday)

PREMIER LEAGUE: Blackburn Rovers 1, Crystal Palace 2.

AUTOGLASS TROPHY: First round: Torquay United 2, Plymouth Argyle 1. Second round: Rochdale 1, Scunthorpe United 2. Area quarter-finals: Bradford City 3, Stockport County 4; Chesterfield 3, Burnley 0; Huddersfield Town 3, Bolton Wanderers 0, Port Vale 4, Northampton Town 2.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Kettering 1, Telford 1; Northwich 0, Gateshead 0, Slough 1, Bath 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Aberdeen 0, Rangers 1; Falkirk 4, Partick Thistle 2; Motherwell 2, Dundee United 0. First division: Dunfermline Athletic 2, Clydebank 0; Morton 3, Cowdenbeath 2; Raith Rovers 1, Hamilton Academical 1. Second division: Brechin City 1, Forfar Athletic 2, East Stirling 2, Queen's Park 2; Queen of the South 0, Arbroath 1. Stenhousemuir 0, Alloa Athletic 1.

VAUXHALL FA TROPHY: Second-round replays: Merthyr Tydfil 1, Stalybridge 0; Runcorn 2, Gloucester 2 (aet), Wycombe 2, Morecambe 0.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Grays 1, Marlow 2; Sutton United 2, Wokingham 0; Hendon 3, Yeading 3. First division: Barking 1, Abingdon Town 0; Chalfont St Peter 1, Leyton 1. Second division: Worthing 3, Hampton 0. Cup: Aylesbury 0, Enfield 2 (at Enfield).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield United 1, Liverpool 1; Nottingham Forest 1, Wolverhampton 1. Second division: Everton 2, Oldham 1; Wigan 0, Middlesbrough 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton 1, Worcester 0. Southern division: Margate 3, Salisbury 5. Midland division: Bedworth 0, Tamworth 3.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Portsmouth 0, West Ham 3; Queens Park Rangers 4, Arsenal 4; Wimbledon 0, Swindon 3.

BASS IRISH CUP: Fifth round: Larne 2, Crusaders 2.

WILKINSON SWORD LEAGUE CUP: First round: Ards 4, Banbridge 0; Bangor 7, H and W Welders 0; Ballycare 2, Limavady 1; Ballymena 7, Channoy Comor 0; Carnoli 3, Moyola Park 1; Coleraine 1, Ballymoney 1 (aet, Coleraine won 5-4 on pens); Distillery 2, Ballinamallard 0; Glenavon 1, Dungannon Swifts 1 (aet: Glenavon won 6-5 on pens); Glentoran 3, Dundela 2; Linfield 4, Brantwood 0; Newry 1, Armagh 1 (aet: Newry won 7-6 on pens); Ormagh 3, Loughgall 0; Portadown 5, Cookstown 0.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Cup: Gainsborough Trinity 2, Barrow 1; Manna 1, Caernarfon Town 0, Matlock 2, Netherfield 2, Workington 2, Southport 1.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Blyth Spartans 2, Consett 0; Easington Colliery 1, Billingham Synthonia 4, West Auckland 2, Northallerton 0.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Atlanta Hawks 118, Seattle SuperSonics 103; Cleveland Cavaliers 100, Golden State Warriors 90; New York Knicks 105, Washington Bullets 100, Houston Rockets 115, Indiana Pacers 104; San Antonio Spurs 111, New Jersey Nets 93; Orlando Magic 110, Los Angeles Lakers 97; Minnesota Timberwolves 104, Portland Trail Blazers 91; Los Angeles Clippers 112, Phoenix Suns 108.

BILLIARDS

SHEFFIELD: Radiant Grand Slam Championship: First round: J Murphy (Eng) bt D Joshi (India), 4-0; C Everton (Wales) bt D Barton (Eng), 4-3; R Chapman (Eng) bt D Edwards (Wales), 4-1; J Caven (Scot) bt D Rees (Eng), 4-1; S Agarwal (India) bt J Sinclair (Eng), 4-1; R Williams (Eng) bt H Griffiths (Wales), 4-2, B Close (Eng) bt M Kothari (India) 4-3, M Ferreira (India) bt S Hardcastle (Eng), 4-0. Second round: Agarwal bt R Foldvari (Aus), 4-0.

BOXING

MICHIGAN: Heavyweight bout: Tony Tubbs (US) bt Alex Zolkine (Russ), pts.

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH: Canberra (second day of three): England A XI 379-7 dec (M D Moxon 123, R C Russell 67); Australian Capital Territory 65 (M C Ilott 4-12, A R Caddick 4-14 and 128-2 (P Solway 50 not out).

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Melbourne: Victoria 258-4 (W Phillips 91, D Lehmann 50 not out) v South Australia. Sydney: Western Australia 268-7 (T Moody 78) v New South Wales.

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates: Sharjah Trophy (one-day, reduced to 43 overs): Sri Lanka 266-5 (43 overs) (R Mahonama 62, C Hathurusinghe 66). Zimbabwe 235-9 (43 overs) (E Brandes 55). Sri Lanka won by 30 runs, and meet Pakistan in the final.

CYCLING

COPENHAGEN: Six-day race: Leading positions (after fifth night), 1, J Veggerby and R Severinson (Den), 36 pts; 2, D Clark (Aus) and A Doyle (GB), 257; 3, E de Wilde (Bel) and P Bincoletto (It), 238; 4 U Freuler and K Betzchart (Switz), 237.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Calgary Flames 6, Washington Capitals 4; Edmonton Oilers 4, Boston Bruins 3; Quebec Nordiques 3, Los Angeles Kings 2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: First division: Leeds 30, Wakefield Trinity 10. Second division: Salford 50, Bramley 6.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Barry Hill 5, Newbridge 19; Glamorgan Wanderers 22, Pontypridd 17, Maesteg 30, Penarth 14, South Wales Police 7, Aberdare 18.

SKIING

ALTENMARKT ZAUCHENSEE, Austria: British Services International alpine championships: Women's Super G: 1, J Davidson (RAF), 1:43.65, 2, J Shenton (Army), 1:48.24; 3, V Price (Royal Navy), 1:48.97; 4, C Strang (Royal Navy), 1:50.43; 5, K McIntosh (RAF), 1:51.74. Team: 1, RAF, 297.77pts; 2, Army, 444.52. Men's Super G: 1, A Pitschelder (It), 1:27.62; 2, M Romano (It), 1:29.72; 3, D Gheser (It), 1:29.83. Other: 11, S Zvegintzov (Army), 1:32.42, 13, C Bonnington (RAF), 1:32.98, 18, I Dryden (Army), 1:37.20. Team: 1, Italian Alpini, 89.61pts; 2, Russian Army, 165.68; 3, Austrian Army, 359.83; 4, British Army, 394.69. Other: 7, Royal Air Force, 461.56.

TENNIS

NEWCASTLE: LTA women's satellite tournament: First round: S Bentley (Surrey) bt S Locher (Switz), 6-3, 6-2, H Vildova (Cz) bt M Bernard (Can), 6-3, 6-0; L Ahl (Devon) bt M C Garcia (Sp), 6-0, 5-7, 6-3. Second round: A Sidot (Fr) bt K Cross (Devon), 6-3, 6-4; S Plechke (Austria) bt V Humphreys-Davies (Cambs), 6-2, 4-6, 6-0; L Ahl (Devon) bt H Vildova (Cz Rep), 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; J Dubcova (Cz Rep) bt S Parhomenko (Russ), 7-5, 1-6, 6-4; G Coorengel (Holl) bt C Hunt (Dorset), 6-3, 6-3; L Jelfs (Oxford) bt S Bentley (Surrey), 6-4, 7-5; P Piorkowski (US) bt P Raclova (Cz Rep), 6-3, 3-6, 7-6; L Zaitz (Isr) bt T Obziler (Isr), 7-6, 6-2.

DUBAI: Men's tournament: First round: C Dosedel (Cz) bt G Schaller (Austria), 6-3, 7-5; A Volkov (Russ) bt Y El Aynaoui (Mor), 6-2, 6-3; T Carbonell (Sp) bt M Gustafsson (Swe), 6-7, 6-4, 7-5.

MARSEILLE: ATP tournament: First round: P Kuhnen (Ger) bt T Nyssen (Holl), 7-6, 6-3; G Prpic (Cro) bt S Huet (Fr), 6-1, 6-4; J Hlasek (Switz) bt O Delaitre (Fr), 7-6, 6-1; S Bruguera (Sp) bt M Damm (Cz), 3-6, 6-3, 7-5; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt M Stadling (Swe), 6-4, 6-2; I Lendl (US) bt K Carlsen (Den), 6-3, 6-4; H Lecoste (Fr) bt C van Rensburg (SA), 6-2, 6-3; J Siemerink (Holl) bt P Baur (Ger), 7-5, 2-0 ret; C Pridham (Can) bt S Sampard (Fr), 7-5, 6-3; M Rosset (Switz) bt S Siman (Fr), 7-6, 6-7, 7-6.

SAN FRANCISCO: ATP tournament: First round: J Tarango (US) bt N Borwick (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; R Reneberg (US) bt J Eltingh (Holl), 6-1, 6-1; D Randall (US) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 6-4, 7-6; J Connors (US) bt R Matuszewski (US), 6-4, 6-4; B Shelton (US) bt J Gratsb (US), 6-7, 6-3, 7-5; D Rostagno (US) bt K Thrane (US), 7-6, 7-6.

YOKOHAMA, Japan: Women's open tournament: L Savchenko-Neiland (Lat) bt L McNeil (US), 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, M Endo (Japan) bt N Provis (Aus), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, P Shriver (US) bt M Pierce (Fr), 6-1, 4-2 rtd, S Graf (Ger) bt K Date (Japan), 6-1, 7-5; N Zvereva (Belarus) bt S Stafford (US), 7-6, 7-5; G Fernandez (US) bt H Sukova (Cz Rep), 7-5, 7-6, Y Basuki (India) bt A Hirose (Japan), 6-4, 6-3; R Hiraki (Japan) bt T Takagi (Japan), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

AUCKLAND: Women's tournament: First round: N Nagarenan (Fr) bt P Tarabini (Arg), 6-4, 6-2, I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt S Dopfer (Austria), 7-5, 6-2. Second round: K Kschwandt (Ger) bt C Fauche (Switz) 6-0, 6-0; G Helgeson (US) bt A Fusai (Fr), 3-6, 6-3, 6-0; E Reinach (SA) bt S Testud (Fr), 6-4, 6-4.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

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PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Newcastle v Sheffield Wednesday; Leeds v Sunderland. Second division: Bradford v Derby.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea v Luton, QPR v Bristol City.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Ayr v Glasgow High (7.0)

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Yetton Trophy (women's inter-club championship). Fifth round: Darlington v York; Leicester v St Neots, Beccles v Tilbury; Pickett's Lock v Chemwell; Rugby Thornfield v Wey Valley; Croydon v Dartford Stone Lodge; Grattons v Dolphin; British Cellophane v Plymouth Civil Service.

TENNIS: LTA women's satellite tournament (Newcastle).

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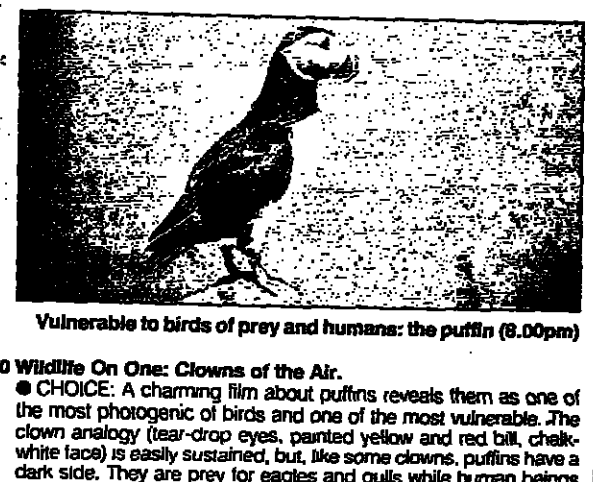
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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (53839) **7.00 Breakfast News** (83752029)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (7357574) **9.45 Ross King.** Game show. The guest is Les Hill from the cast of *Home and Away* (s) (6642520)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (9224988) **10.05 Playdays.** For the very young (r) (s) (6111758)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (10245297)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Alan Titchmarsh's guests include Lenny Henry and Midge Ure (s) (7919723) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (98701094)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (79758)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (87221452) **1.50 First Letter First** Don Maclean with another round of the word game (87232568)
2.15 Film: Mistress of Paradise (1981) starring Genevieve Bujold, Chad Everett and Anthony Andrews. A made-for-television period romance about a northern states beauty who marries a worldly southern plantation owner and becomes involved in voodoo. Directed by Peter Medak (331926)
3.50 Rupert, narrated by Ray Brooks (r) (3642278) **3.55 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams.** Episode five of a 13-part musical drama (s) (8051742) **4.10 Jackanory.** Sandi Toksvig with the last part of *Delilah and the Dogspell* (1355988) **4.25 The New Yogi Bear Show** (r) (8718094) **4.30 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men.** Penultimate episode of Tony Robinson's role-reversal comedy set in Sherwood Forest starring Kate Lonergan and Wayne Morris. (Ceefax) (s) (3418926)
4.55 Newsround (3923617) **5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (8332487)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (603051). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (655)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (907). Northern Ireland. Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Mark Franklin (s) (6926)
7.30 EastEnders (Ceefax) (s) (891)



Vulnerable to birds of prey and humans: the puffin (8.00pm)

8.00 Wildlife On One: Clowns of the Air.
● CHOICE: A charming film about puffins reveals them as one of the most photogenic of birds and one of the most vulnerable. The clown analogy (tear-drop eyes, painted yellow and red bill, chalk-white face) is easily sustained, but, like some clowns, puffins have a dark side. They are prey for eagles and gulls while human beings are not always their friends, either, starving them of fish and killing for them for meat and feathers. All the same the species is happily not in danger. The cameras catch puffins in the Outer Hebrides, Norway and Iceland. We see them courting, building their nests and bringing up the chicks. We follow them underwater in search of their favourite snack, the sandeel. And we watch them in flight, mouths full of fish, trying to make it back to the nest before the swooping gulls catch up with them. (Ceefax) (s) (2346)
8.30 The Brittas Empire. Comedy series starring Chris Barrie as the well-meaning but obnoxious manager of a council-owned leisure centre. In this episode trying to raise money to buy a second trampoline. Brittas's contribution is a sponsored silence, an idea put up by his hard-pressed secretary. (Ceefax) (s) (4181)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (9617)
9.30 Chef! Peter Tilbury's uncertain comedy series starring Lenny Henry as the rude and ruthless chef at an upmarket country restaurant. (Ceefax) (s) (82617)
10.00 Question Time chaired by Peter Sissons. The panel is Jan Hall, the chairman and chief executive of design consultants, Coley Porter Bell, Ian McAllister, chairman of the Ford Motor Company, and MPs Michael Heseltine and Tony Benn (3926). Northern Ireland: Spotlight 10.30 Question Time 11.30-12.20 Law and Order
11.00 Law and Order. Crime series from the United States (r) (s) (907520)
11.50 Weather (610487). Ends at **11.55**
3.00am BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (54679). Ends at **4.00**

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (5655452) **8.15 Westminster** (2984704)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) (51932907) **2.15 Advice Shop.** News for welfare and public service users, presented by Helen Madden and Andrew Miller (9985510)
3.00 News and weather (7386162) **3.05 Westminster Live** (7024655) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8250655)
4.00 Catchword. Game for wordsmiths (s) (520)
4.30 From the Edge: Talking Hands, Noisy Lives. A special edition of the magazine series made by disabled people looks at the language and culture of deaf people in Australia. (Ceefax) (704)
5.00 Food and Drink (r) (s) (4704)
5.30 Ski Sunday Special introduced by Julian Tutt. The women's downhill in the world championships from Japan (384)

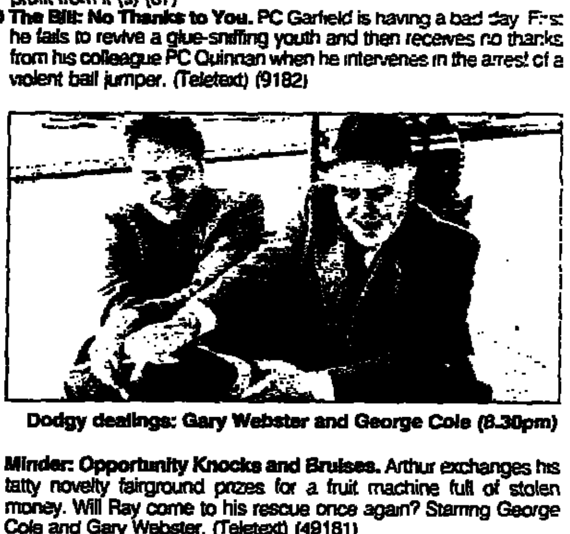


South Seas roadshow: Crosby, Hope and Lamour (6.00pm)

6.00 Film: Road To Bali (1952) starring Bing Crosby and Bob Hope. In the only *Road* film to be made in colour, Bing and Bob play a failed song and dance team forced to leave Australia for Bali where they meet the beautiful and wealthy Lalah. Amiable fun with guest appearances by Dorothy Lamour, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. Directed by Hal Walker. (Ceefax) (73181). Wales: Japanese Language and People 6.30 Off the back of a Lorry 7.00 Advice Shop
7.30 First Sight: Justice Diminished. Michael Delahaye reports on the row over the Lord Chancellor's plans to reduce the number of people entitled to legal aid (433). Wales: Dad's Army. East: Matter of Fact; Midlands: Midlands Report; North, North-east and North-west: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; South-west: Close Up; West: Close Up West
8.00 The Essential History of Europe: Luxembourg.
● CHOICE: The European Community's smallest member makes an ideal subject for this series, mainly because it is so small and half an hour is enough to cover the important points. We start with Luxembourg as a fortress, cocooned and reluctant to embrace change. We move on to Luxembourg the dream economy, with Europe's high standard of living and virtually no unemployment. We are given the surprising statistic that nearly one third of the inhabitants are immigrants, many of them Portuguese. The most startling contribution comes from a film-maker who likens his country to David Lynch's *Twin Peaks*, a staid surface covering a multitude of neuroses. At least the widespread drug addiction and high suicide rate cannot be blamed on poverty (s) (9948)
8.30 Notes and Queries with Clive Anderson. The barrister and wit addresses another crop of unusual questions and tries to supply the answers. With help from Dinsdale Landen and Carole Vorderman (s) (2723)
9.00 Joking Apart. Steven Moffat's black and bitter comedy about divorce, starring Robert Bathurst and Fiona Gillies (s) (3487)
9.30 The Trouble with Medicine: Life Support.
● CHOICE: Using examples from the United States, Ireland and India this revealing film looks at the role of medicine in the final stages of life. In America the emphasis is on cure rather than care. The obsession is to keep life going rather than let it end in dignity. High-tech hospitals offer advanced treatments while the elderly at home get little support. A woman with a dying father says: "We spent a lot of money on research and not enough on patients." The Irish attitude is more traditional, still based on care in the home. We follow Dr John Casey as he brings his cheery bedside manner to a 94-year-old woman. India is even further from the American experience. Medicine is basic and the Hindu religion helps to make death acceptable. The three strands are deftly interwoven, so that each reinforces the other (s) (823029)
10.20 Wayne's World. Cult American comedy (r). (Ceefax) (897891)
10.30 Newsnight presented by Jeremy Paxman (769297)
11.15 The Late Show. In the first of a series of monthly editions from Scotland, the arts and media magazine examines the controversy over the government's annual £9.5 million fund for Gaelic television. Plus music from Gary Clark (s) (812013) **11.55 Weather** (537100)
12.00 Jumpcuts. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (7591292). Ends at **12.10am**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV presented by Michael Wilson and Fiona Armstrong. The guests include Lulu, Cathy Dennis, Geraldine James and James Whale (8664988)
9.25 Runway Quiz show hosted by Richard Madeley (9749297) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6024278)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical discussion (9324636)
10.35 This Morning Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes dressmaking ideas, family health phone-in and advice for budding writers. With national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather (80893568)
12.10 Riddlers on the Road. For the young (7447033)
12.30 Lunchtime News (Teletext) Weather (1261452) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (80881568)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (415988) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (510487)
2.15 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond with television news and gossip. Barry Took selects favourite clips from the archives (439568) **2.45 Take the High Road.** Drama serial set in the Highlands (2270278)
3.10 ITN News headlines (7304568) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7303839) **3.20 Blockbusters** General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (5260520)
3.50 The Rattles. Last in the series of animated adventures (r) (3637346) **3.55 Where's Wally?** Animation (3674920) **4.20 Mike and Angelo.** American comedy-drama series (s) (3403988) **4.45 Bad Influence!** Video and computer games magazine (3408549)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (8253926)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) Weather (660907)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster (Teletext) (40128)
7.00 Emmerdale Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Teletext) (1094)
7.30 Storyline: The Secret Children. A documentary investigation into the exploitation of child labour in Portugal and the British firms that profit from it (s) (87)
8.00 The Bill: No Thanks to You. PC Garfield is having a bad day. First he fails to revive a glue-sniffing youth and then receives no thanks from his colleague PC Quinnan when he intervenes in the arrest of a violent bail jumper. (Teletext) (9182)

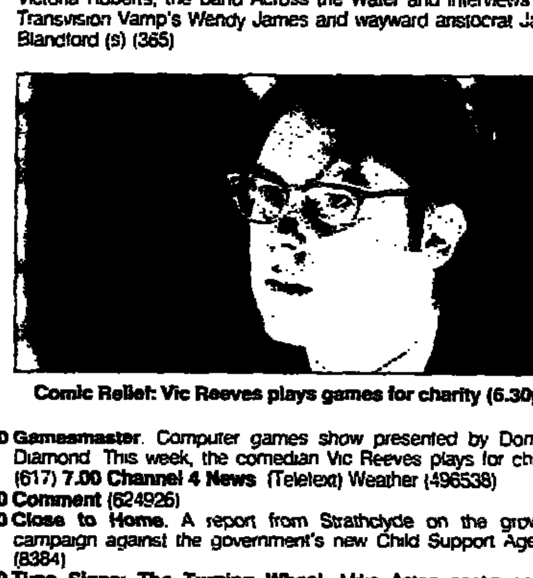


Dodgy dealings: Gary Webster and George Cole (8.30pm)

8.30 Minder: Opportunity Knocks and Bruises. Arthur exchanges his tatty novelty fairground prizes for a fruit machine full of stolen money. Will Ray come to his rescue once again? Starring George Cole and Gary Webster. (Teletext) (49181)
9.30 Dave Allen. More comic musings, in sometimes gratuitous strong language (s) (90623)
10.00 News at Ten. (Teletext) Weather (70384) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (510013)
10.40 Big City. A guide to London's entertainment's scene, presented by Carolyn Marshall and Gordon Kennedy (s) (783876)
11.15 Film: The Comancheros (1961) starring John Wayne and Stuart Whitman. The last film from director Michael (*Casablanca*) Curtiz is a lively western in which Texas Ranger Wayne joins forces with a gambler wanted for murder to bring to book a gang supplying arms and liquor to the Comanches (464094)
1.15 The Twilight Zone: But Can She Type? A tale of the supernatural (6399308)
1.30 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (22124)
2.00 America's Top Ten (s) (22785)
2.30 Donahue. Ordinary members of the public give their views on love and sex (40940)
3.30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Pen Pals. Jean Simmons stars as a lonely spinster who uses her niece's identity to correspond with a convict. Then she hears that he has escaped and may be making for her home (r) (25872)
4.00 Entertainment UK. Leisure time guide (r) (s) (74321)
5.00 Riviera. French soap about an aristocratic family who own a perfume business (77698)
5.30 ITN Morning News (82969). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.40 Spiff and Hercules (5261636) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (89181)
9.00 You Bet Your Life American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (57433)
9.30 Schools (247487)
12.00 The Parliament Programme Anne Perkins with a round-up of business from both Houses (77297)
12.30 Sesame Street Pre-school learning series (16365) **1.30 Lift Off** Children's entertainment (s) (87162)
2.00 Film: Kid Millions (1934, b/w with colour sequences) starring Eddie Cantor, Ann Sothern and Ethel Merman. Weakly-plotted but lavishly staged musical about a simpleton who inherits a fortune from the plundering archaeologist father he never knew. He is soon the target of con artists anxious to help him spend his money. Directed by Roy Del Ruth (979075)
3.40 Spare Time (1939, b/w). An evocative Humphrey Jennings short about how workers in Britain's steel, cotton and coal industries spent their leisure time before the second world war (4681155)
4.00 Celebration: A Day in the Life ... With Texan cellist Ralph Kirshbaum as he prepares to perform at the Manchester International Cello Festival (s) (988)
4.30 Countdown Richard Whiteley is the question-master for another round of the words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (100)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show The guests are wives who have neglected their husbands. (Teletext) (s) (8193891)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout Classic children's series, narrated by Nigel Planer (r) (170075)
6.00 The Word — Access All Areas. A look behind the scenes of last Friday's edition of *The Word* includes *Grange Hill* actress Rachel Victoria Roberts, the band Across the Water and interviews with Transvision Vamp's Wendy James and wayward aristocrat Jamie Blandford (s) (365)



Comic Relief: Vic Reeves plays games for charity (6.30pm)

6.30 Gamesmaster. Computer games show presented by Dominik Diamond. This week, the comedian Vic Reeves plays for charity (617) **7.00 Channel 4 News** (Teletext) Weather (496538)
7.50 Comment (624926)
8.00 Close to Home. A report from Strathclyde on the growing campaign against the government's new Child Support Agency (8384)
8.30 Time Signs: The Turning Wheel. Mike Aston continues his archaeological investigation of the Wolf Valley in Devon. This week he searches for evidence of a medieval mill (r). (Teletext) (7891)
9.00 The Sexual Imperative. Series comparing human and animal sexuality. Tonight's programme examines parents as providers (s) (3549)
10.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. Award-winning topical comedy series set in the newsroom of a television station. Gus has trouble rounding up character witnesses when Sally sues a newspaper for suggesting that she is not the most popular member of the Globelink team. Starring Robert Duncan and Victoria Wicks (s) (78926)
10.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? Off the cuff comedy presented by Clive Anderson (259574)
11.05 The Avengers (b/w). Vintage spoof secret agent adventures starring Patrick Macnee and Honor Blackman (r) (641162)
12.10am Dispatches. A repeat of yesterday's report on ethnic cleansing in Bosnia (3945872)
1.00 The Dick Powell Theatre: Epilogue (b/w). Lee Marvin and Ricardo Montalban star as a defence attorney and his wartime buddy-turned-psychotic killer (4430747). Ends at **1.55**

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VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (5260520) **5.10-5.40** Dinosaurs (8253926) **6.00** Home and Away (442704) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (308907) **10.40** Anglia Tonight (580556) **11.10** Wideangle (955162) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (266810) **12.35** Coach (3753698) **1.05** Wrestling (1418560) **1.45** Film: The Court Martial of George Armstrong Custer (103105) **3.40** Night Shift (95367495) **3.50** America's Top Ten (68355143) **4.30** Riviera (99308) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (77698)

BORDER
As London except: 2.45-3.10 Wild World of the East (2270278) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5260520) **6.00** Lookaround (723) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (425) **10.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (875297) **11.35** The Good Sex Guide (832487) **12.05** Married...with Children (7923476) **12.35** Coach (3753698) **1.05** Wrestling (1418560) **1.45** Film: The Court Martial of George Armstrong Custer (103105) **3.40** Night Shift (95367495) **3.50** America's Top Ten (68355143) **4.30** Riviera (99308) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (77698)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (415988) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (510487) **3.20-3.50** GP (5260520) **5.10-5.40** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (8253926) **6.00** Home and Away (442704) **6.25-7.00** Central News (450723) **10.40** Central Lobby (580556) **11.10** 1st Night (955162) **11.40** Married...with Children (831758) **12.10** Miller and Mueller (6690495) **1.10** Hollywood Report (7894785) **1.40** The Little Picture Show (6834312) **2.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9795327) **3.10** America's Top Ten (37407834) **3.40** Stage 2

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (510487) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (5260520) **6.00** HTV News (723) **6.30-7.00** Living Memory (425) **10.40** The West This Week (507549) **11.25** HTV Weekend Outlook (865100) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (266810) **12.35** Coach (3753698) **1.05** Wrestling (1418560) **1.45** Film: The Court Martial of George Armstrong Custer (103105) **3.40** Night Shift (95367495) **3.50** America's Top Ten (68355143) **4.30** Riviera (99308) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (77698)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** The Really Helpful Programme **7.30-8.00** Wales This Week **10.40** Weekend Ahead **10.55** Wales and Westminster **11.25-11.40** Rock Sport

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (5260520) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (723) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (425) **10.40** The Pier (354948) **11.20** Prisoner: Cell Block H (918636) **12.15-1.15** War Of The Worlds (902114) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen

TYNE TEES
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (5260520) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (723) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (425) **10.40** Put It In Writing (580556) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (912452) **12.05** Film: Chamber of Horrors (686563) **1.50** America's Top Ten (5096650) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4023259) **2.50** Schimanski (733056) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (6105124)

ULSTER
As London except: 6.00-7.00 UTV Live at Six (40128) **10.40** Counterpoint (580556) **11.10** Film: The Second Victory (583471) **1.05** Wrestling (1418560) **1.55** Film: The Court Martial of George Armstrong Custer (103105) **3.40** Night Shift (95367495) **3.50** America's Top Ten (68355143) **4.30** Riviera (99308) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (77698)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (510487) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (5260520) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (40128) **10.40** The Good Sex Guide (580556) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (912452) **12.10** Disaster Chronicles (8655853) **12.35** Coach (3753698) **1.05** Wrestling (1418560) **1.45** Film: The Court Martial of George Armstrong Custer (25849018) **3.40** Night Shift (95367495) **3.50** America's Top Ten (68355143) **4.30** Riviera (99308) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (77698)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (5260520) **5.55** Calendar (547481) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (425) **10.40** Edit 5 (580556) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (912452) **12.05** Film: Chamber of Horrors (686563) **1.50** America's Top Ten (5096650) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4023259) **2.50** Schimanski (733056) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (6105124)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (89181) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (57433) **9.30** Ysgolion (247487) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (77297) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (88891) **1.00** Lift Off (89568) **1.30** Film: The Magic Rolling Board (86027094) **1.45** Film: The White Sister (70079181) **3.25** Writing on the Line (1995907) **4.25** Slot 23 (8069278) **5.00** Countdown (2100) **5.30** Gamesmaster (452) **6.00** News (828742) **6.10** Heno (411810) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (9636) **7.30** Margaret Williams (29) **8.00** Cwydro'r Cyfandir (8384) **8.30** News (581907) **8.55** Taro 9 (870655) **9.30** Operation Hospital (90805) **10.00** Drop the Dead Donkey (78926) **10.30** Film: My Beautiful Laundrette (51019839) **12.20** The Word — Access All Areas (8659879) **12.45** The Steve Allen Show (8010476) **1.25** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (36523297) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5098029) **9.10** Cartoons (8662907) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (40655) **10.00** Strike It Rich (87641) **10.30** The Bold and the Beautiful (19297) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (35384) **12.00** Falcon Crest (30278) **1.00pm** E Street (39100) **1.30** Another World (9163641) **2.15** Santa Barbara (336902) **2.45** Maude (786443) **3.15** The New Leave It To Beaver (938968) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (7733574) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7297) **6.00** Rescue (4839) **6.30** E Street (8891) **7.00** All (8926) **7.30** Family Ties (4075) **8.00** Full House (4346) **8.30** Melrose Place (26297) **9.30** Chances (90704) **10.30** Studs (10926) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (23549) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (7061029) **9.30** Nightline (48297) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (84365) **11.30** International Business Report (87471) **1.30pm** Good Morning America (89810) **2.30** Parliament Live (3307636) **3.15** Parliament Live (47494094) **5.00** Live at Five (5839) **7.30** *Financial Times* Business Weekly (574723) **10.30** Nightline (18568) **11.30** ABC News (58094) **12.30am** *Financial Times* Business Weekly (28495) **1.30** ABC News (85263) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (54308) **3.30** ABC News (22143) **4.30** *Financial Times* Business Weekly (39560) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (13853)

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (2069926)
10.00 Zone Troopers (1985) Science-fiction comedy (28487)
12.00 Echoes of a Summer (1976): Jodie Foster has a terminal illness (81075)
2.00pm Zelig (1983): Woody Allen as a human chameleon (89568)
4.00 Grand Larceny (1988): Marilu Henner follows in her father's footsteps (5029)
6.00 Zone Troopers (as 10am) (74919742)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (374384)
8.00 Storm (1987) Thriller about students on a camping holiday (71549)
10.00 Frankenstein Unbound (1990): Bridget Fonda stars as Mary Shelley (21742)
11.30 Outcast (1991): John Tench makes a pact with the Devil (221758)
1.10am Evil Senses (1987). A hitman is pursued by the Mob (7269785)
2.40 Curse II: The Bite (1988): Comedy horror starring Jill Schoelen (371230)
4.20 The Rift (1990): Underwater adventure with Jack Scalia (4668495). Ends at **5.40**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.30pm Random Harvest (1942, b/w): Ronald Colman as an amnesiac (514181)
9.00 Anatomy of a Murder (1959): James Stewart defends soldier Ben Gazzara (48884839) Ends at **11.40**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.25am But Not For Me (1959): Clark Gable has to choose between Carroll Baker and Lili Palmer (29892159)
8.15 Young Winston (1972): Simon Ward stars as Churchill (46944810)
10.55 The Talk of the Town (1942, b/w): Jean Arthur falls in love with a suspected murderer and his lawyer (22295348)
12.55pm South Pacific (1958): Musical starring Rossano Brazzi (21539181)
3.25 Jack and the Witch. Animated tale (58074655)
5.00 Who's Been Sleeping In My Bed? (1963): Elizabeth Montgomery wants to marry Dean Martin (68592)
7.00 Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (1989): Comedy starring Rick Moranis (10075)
9.00 She-Devil (1989): Roseanne Barr takes revenge on husband Ed Begley Jr and his mistress Meryl Streep (61162)
11.00 Too Hot to Handle (1991): Playboy Alec Baldwin and showgirl Kim Basinger enjoy a tempestuous relationship (51766)
1.00am Deadly Desire (1991): Kathryn Harrold seduces security guard Jack Scalia into killing her husband (382650)
2.35 May Wine (1990) A mother and daughter fall in love with the same man in Paris (5927650)
4.05 Triple Cross (1986): Three detectives are on the same case (172582). Ends at **5.40**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Morning Stretch (25433) **7.00** Welsh Open Snooker (76655) **9.00** Morning Stretch (70907) **9.30** Muscle Night (53907) **10.30** Jack High (35013) **11.30** Morning Stretch (76520) **12.00** Drag Racing (83471) **12.30pm** The Club Show (43265) **1.00** Ringside (37278) **3.00** FA Cup Football (39907) **5.00** High Five (3902) **5.30** Motorworld (9926) **6.00** Soccer News (232029) **6.03** WWF Wrestling Challenge (19384) **7.00** Netbusters (3146) **7.30** Redline (20520) **8.30** The Boot Room (40487) **9.30** US PGA Golf (30029) **11.30** European League (26487) **12.30am** The Club Show (28211) **1.00-1.30** Netbusters (72281)

EUROSPORT
6.30am Alpine Skiing (99948) **8.00** Step Aerobics (75452) **8.30** Alpine Skiing (21839) **10.00** Step Aerobics (34181) **10.30** Billiards (20181) **11.30** Alpine Skiing (33433) **12.30pm** Basketball (45278) **2.00** Tennis (476817) **5.00** Alpine Skiing (4365) **6.00** Snowboard (55592) **7.00** Trans World Sport (19723) **8.00** Eurofun Magazine (4742) **8.30** Eurosport News (8079) **9.00** Basketball (81452) **10.30** Alpine Skiing (22100) **11.30-12.00** Eurosport News (30365)

SCREENSPORT
7.00am ASP Surfing (78013) **7.30** Grundig Global Adventure Sport (57520) **8.00** Mechelen Horse Show (32487) **9.00** PBA Ten Pin Bowling (56452)-**10.00** Kick Boxing (53704) **11.00** Longitude (73433) **11.30** NBA Basketball (58159) **1.30pm** Mickey Thompson Off Road Racing (55538) **2.00** European Snooker League (10452) **4.00** Monster Trucks (7704) **4.30** Egmond Half Marathon (15810) **5.30** PBA Ten Pin Bowling (71556) **6.30** Top Match Football (83297) **7.30** German Motorsport (28162) **8.30** Football Holland (48029) **9.30** Mountain Bike Show (12471) **10.00** French Ice Racing (21568) **11.00-12.00** Snooker Trickshots (54433)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (38311075) **6.15** Button Moon (38412758) **6.30** Bucky O'Hare (1211029) **7.00** Bravestarr (3371346) **7.30** Neighbours (3383181) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5972278) **8.30** EastEnders (5971549) **9.00** The Bill (5068029) **9.30** The Onedin Line (5784636) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (7780365) **11.30** Don't Wait Up (5971623) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (5975365) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5557810) **1.00** EastEnders (3370817) **1.30** The Bill (5556181) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (7788094) **2.30** French Fields (3808839) **3.00** Dallas (2822159) **4.00** Bravestarr (3882891) **4.30** Degrassi Junior High (3888075) **5.00** Neighbours (7779346) **5.30** Dr Who (3802655) **6.00** The Onedin Line (5645028) **7.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (7782810) **7.30** Don't Wait Up (3889704) **8.00** EastEnders (7871758) **8.30** French Fields (7787365) **9.00** Juliet Bravo (3581988) **10.00** The Bill (5976094) **10.30** Carrott Confidential (5985742) **11.00** Dick Emery (1276015) **11.30** Film. The Unholy Wife (1957): A woman plots to murder her husband, but mistakenly kills his friend. Starring Rod Steiger and Diana Dors (4350839) **1.10-2.00am** Video Bites (9508308)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew Lyle. Including Howard Skempton (Lento), Chopin (Fantasie Impromptu in C sharp minor, Op 66); Beethoven (Ballet music, The Creatures of Prometheus); Vivaldi (Gloria in D, RV589)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Brahms. Sonata in E flat, Op 120 No 2 (Richard Stoltzman, clarinet, Richard Goode, piano); String Sextet in G, Op 36 (Isaac Stern and Cho-Liang Lin, violins, Jaime Laredo and Michael Tree, violas, Yo-Yo Ma and Sharon Robinson, cellos)
10.05 Morning Sequence: Josef Schantl (Hunting Fanfare for Tsar Alexander III: Detmold Horn Ensemble); Wieniawski (Violin Concerto No 2 in D minor: Joshua Bell; Cleveland Orchestra under Vladimir Ashkenazy); Bach (Peasant Cantata. Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood, with Emma Kirkby, soprano, Rogers Covey-Crump, tenor, David Thomas, bass); Kodály (Dances of Galánta: BBC Philharmonic under Andras Ligeti); Fauré (Violin Sonata No 1 in A: Joshua Bell; Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano); Schumann (Konzertstück for four horns: BBC Scottish SO under Jun'ichi Hirokami)
12.00 Airs and Dances: Martino Tirimo, piano, plays Schubert (Six Atzenbrugge Dances; Four Waltzes, in A flat, D365 No 2; B minor, D145 No 6; B, D365 No 22; A, D779 No 13); Respighi (Ancient Airs and Dances, Set 1); Chopin (Three Mazurkas, in C, Op 24 No 2; B flat minor, Op 24 No 4; C sharp minor, Op 50 No 3; Two Waltzes: in A minor, Op 34 No 2, in A flat, Op 34 No 1) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 La Caravane du Caire. Namur Chamber Choir; Ricercar Academy under Marc Minkowski perform an opera-ballet in three acts by André Modeste Grétry. Sung in French. With Philippe Huttenlocher as Florestan; Guy de May as Saint-Phar; and Isabelle Poulenard as Zélime
3.25 Academy of Ancient Music, with John Holloway, violin, Mar Levy, viola da gamba, John Toll, harpsichord, perform Couperin (Troisième Concert Royal); François Duval (Sonata No 2); Rameau (Pièces de clavecin en concert No 5) (r)
4.05 Brahms: Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat (Martin Roscoe; BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk)
5.00 In Tune: Peter Paul Nash talks to the composer Louis Andriessen
7.30 English Chamber Orchestra
● CHOICE: Two London premieres are commemorated in tonight's concert, recorded a year ago. They are Howard Skempton's *The Light Fantastic* which, as the title suggests, is a kind of invitation to dance, and Michael Berkeley's Clarinet Concerto, commissioned by Emma Johnson, and played by her tonight. Interestingly, Kipling's autobiographical and bitter story *Baa, Baa, Black Sheep,* which inspired the concerto, also provides the basis for Berkeley's opera scheduled to be premiered next year. Completing the concert, which Siân Edwards conducts, are Weill's Symphony No 2, David Matthews's Introit, Op 28 and Bartók's Divertimento for strings
9.30 Gothic Voices: Christopher Page, director of Gothic Voices, introduces a programme of 12th- and 13-century English and French motets (r)
10.15 The Myth Maker: The American record producer George Avakian talks to Ian Carr about his work with Erroll Garner (r)
10.45 Night Waves: Lisa Jardine discusses the Royal Institute of British Architects' Building of the Year award
11.30 Two Britten Song Cycles: Anthony Rolfe Johnson, tenor, sings Winter Words (with Geoffrey Parsons, piano); Nocturne for tenor, seven obbligato instruments and string orchestra (with the London Mozart Players under Jane Glover)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.00 Night School (except in Scotland: as R5 at 9.15-9.35am and 1.05-1.45pm)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with the Rev Stephen Shipley **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day with the Rev John Newton **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Face the Facts, with John Waite (r)
9.30 The Cutting Edge: Dr David Cook talks to doctors about the ethical and practical dilemmas involved in treating their patients. An HIV-positive woman wants to have a baby, and a doctor is unwilling to operate on a 65-year-old cancer patient
10.00-10.30 News; Gentlemen and Ladies (FM only): The final part of Susan Hill's study of life in an English village. With Patricia Hayes, Stephanie Cole and Siân Phillips (s)
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 A Confession: Joss Ackland reads from Leo Tolstoy's autobiographical work, in which he searches for the meaning of life and faith (1/10)
10.30 Woman's Hour talks to Beverly Anderson, the newly appointed chief executive of the Book Trust; and reports on children and disabled parents. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Looking Forward to the Past: Paul Boateng, MP, and guests explore the lighter side of history (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) (s) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Kai Mei Sauce: A comedy by Kevin Wong. David Yip stars as Mr Chen, who negotiates the sale of his famous recipe in order to raise the capital to buy his restaurant. With Pui Fan Lee as Janet and Russell Dixon as Michael Shaw (s)
3.00-4.00 Against the Grain (FM only): Bill Hartston argues that: "Politeness is Britain's greatest vice.". Ring 071-580 4444
3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only) **4.00 News**
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the British premiere of Eugene O'Neill's play, *All God's Chillun Got Wings,* at the West Yorkshire Playhouse; examines the work of the playwright Carlo Goldoni in the bicentenary year of his death; and talks to the singer Loudon Wainwright III (s)
4.45 Short Story: The Murder at the Towers (The Most Marvellous Mystery Story in the World), by E.V. Knox. Read by Christian Rodska
5.00 PM with Frank Partridge and Hugh Sykes **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Deadlock: Down the Hatches. Kathleen Turner stars as Sara Paretsky's Chicago detective, V.I. Warshawski. Second of a six-part dramatisation by Michelene Wandor (s)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 Soundtrack: Zero Grazing. The Journalist Joel Kibazo returns to Uganda to determine the effects of the Aids virus on his family, his friends and the Ugandan way of life (s)
8.00 Analysis The New Masters? Paul Craig examines the role of the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg (s)
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? For listeners with disabilities
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r) (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Thus Was Adonis Murdered, by Sarah Caudwell (9/10) (s)
11.00 Fear on 4: Hearing is Believing, by Aubrey Woods. Edward de Souza, the Man in Black, introduces the seventh of eight stories (s)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (**LW** only)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** Select-a-Brit **6.30** News '93 **7.00** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.00** In Concert: Faith No More, recorded at the Sheffield Arena **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Debbie Greenwood **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** Neil Kinnock **7.00** The Karen Carpenter Story **9.00** Radio 2 Ballroom (3/6) (r) **10.00** Paul Jones **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Jazz Parade **12.35** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 6.00am** World Service: World News; **6.09** News About Britain; **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.15** Schools: Together — An Assembly for Schools **9.35** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **11.30** BFBS Worldwide **12.30pm** One Day in a Life: pop singer Sonia **1.05** Schools: Let's Make a Story; **1.20** Listening and Reading 2; **1.30** The Song Tree — Music Course 1; **1.45** In the News **2.10** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **7.15** The Return of the Indian, by Lynne Reid-Banks (4/5) **7.30** Formula Five **8.00** Vibe! **9.30** The Collection: On the Line, by Tokey Jones **10.10** Eastern Beat, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

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CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Chappell (Caribbean Concerto); Mozart (Symphony No 40) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Travel Guide **8.00** Classic FM Concert. London Philharmonic under Adrian Boult performs Franck (Symphonic Variations), Elgar (Symphony No 2) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

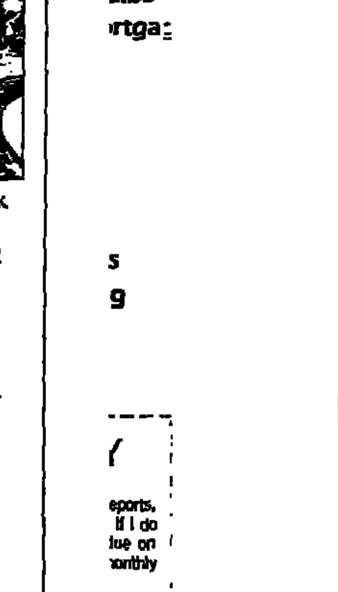
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Boxers banding together for self-protection

BY ADRIAN HOLLOWAY

LENNOX Lewis and Chris Eubank were among champions present and past who attended yesterday's gathering in London to launch the first boxers' union, to be known as the Professional Boxers' Association (PBA). Frank Bruno, notable by his absence, was criticised by Eubank for refusing an approach to join the organisation from Barry McGuigan, who has been the driving force behind its formation.

Eubank, the World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight champion, said: "I was taught growing up that one should never turn away from the hand that feeds, and that you should never turn your back on your roots. That's very important."

McGuigan believes Bruno to be suspicious of the PBA's intentions, but Bruno responded by explaining: "Notification came too late for me to change my schedule. The union has my full backing. It is acting in the interests of all boxers and that can only be a good thing."

The PBA aims to help its members in their dealings with managers and promoters and assist them in the handling of their finances by providing advice on pensions, tax problems, medical insurance and further education.

McGuigan, the former world featherweight champion, who was elected as the PBA's first president, said he was confident that most British professional boxers would join. Henry Cooper will be patron and the other officers will be Nicky Piper (chairman), Colin McMillan (secretary) and Jim McDonnell (treasurer).

Eubank, who will be a member of the management committee, said: "The fighter has been taken advantage of by managers and promoters. The dice is loaded against him. I know how hard it was as a young boxer. There is no help and some of the guys coming through the ranks are not as switched on as I was."

McGuigan said a meeting had been arranged with the British Boxing Board of Control to resolve any difficulties. "We're working with them", he said. "We're all about communication not confrontation. We want to sit down to negotiate. We're moving into the 21st century, so it's high time for a boxing association."

MICHAEL POWELL



Hats in the ring: founder members of the Professional Boxers' Association in London yesterday where Barry McGuigan (centre front) was given powerful support by such familiar figures as Billy Walker, Henry Cooper, Lennox Lewis, Chris Eubank, John Conteh, Charlie Magri, Lloyd Honeyghan and Jim McDonnell

Lord's decision over unofficial tours will rewrite record books

Gooch left stranded on 99 after 'rebel' century ruling

BY IVO TENNANT

IN THE wake of defeat, illness and two paltry scores in his hundredth Test match, Graham Gooch, the England captain, can at least look forward to a proper celebration when he makes his next hundred.

He learnt yesterday that the International Cricket Council (ICC) has decided that his innings of 109 in South Africa in 1982 was in an unofficial match and hence he has 99 and not 100 first-class hundreds to his name.

Eleven years after that innings — played against truly first-class bowlers — the ICC has decided that, as the match did not take place under its auspices, it should not have been given official status by statisticians.

At least the England captain will now feel a sense of occasion when he does make his next hundred.

There were only muted celebrations when Gooch made 102 against an Indian under-25 XI 11 days ago. *Wisden* declared that this was his hundredth century in first-class cricket but Lieutenant-Colonel John Stephenson, secretary of the ICC, intimated it was not.

ICC delegates were agreed late on Tuesday night that matches on all the unofficial tours of South Africa during the 1980s should not count as first-class. The delegates from Australia and the West Indies claimed that unofficial tours from their countries had never been given such status. The same ruling applied, they said, with Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket matches in the 1970s.

"There will be no sense of anti-climax when Graham does score his next 100," Doug Insole, his Essex chairman and an ICC delegate, said yesterday.

For statisticians, though, there will be only confusion. The ICC has jurisdiction over tours comprising players who went to South Africa without the blessing of their boards of control but not, for instance, over sides raised by Derrick Robins.

These included players of the calibre of Brian Close and John Shepherd and their matches were regarded as first-class by the South African Cricket Union (as it was then) as well as statisticians.

"We cannot rule on that," Lt-Col Stephenson said, "but South Africa's board can still give those matches first-class status. What the statisticians do, I don't know. It is a muddle."

Matthew Engel, whose first *Wisden* under his editorship goes to press this week, said he would be able to insert an amendment on Gooch's hundreds. "But I am afraid that the people who took this decision have no idea of the ramifications and confusion this is going to cause," he said.

"They have made a moral judgment on what should be a purely cricketing matter and I fear the chaos could last for decades rather than years. All first-class records will have to be recalculated."

Graeme Wright, a former editor of *Wisden* who still acts as an adviser, said: "The 1993 edition is going to press this week and it could not be changed in time even if that was wanted. We are not just talking about Gooch. This affects many players and you wouldn't know where to start.

"The people who are running cricket clearly never read the literature about their game. Performances achieved on rebel tours to South Africa have been included in first-class averages and career records for years. Why has nothing been said or done before?

"It would not surprise me if the game's statisticians got together and agreed to disregard today's ICC ruling."

Peter Wynne-Thomas, secretary of the Association of Cricket Statisticians, said he would have to put a footnote in the next edition of the *Cricketers' Who's Who*.

"From my point of view, the ICC's rulings in recent years have been political rather than on the merits of the teams," he said.

"The Imperial Cricket Conference, as it used to be called, defined a first-class match in 1947 as being played by two teams made up of first-class players, which the unofficial matches in South Africa were. This ruling now throws into question the status of Derrick Robins' tours of the Republic.

"The averages of around 150 cricketers, as compiled by journalists and *Wisden*, will be affected. These are the likes of Graeme Pollock and Barry Richards. Once a political judgment is made, the whole basis of first-class averages falls to the ground."

Gooch's total of 99 hundreds is made up by 70 for his county, Essex, 17 for England in Test matches, seven for England in tour matches, four for Western Province and one for MCC. His first — 114 — came against Leicestershire at Chelmsford in August 1974.

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Scotland opt for Wright's experience

BY ALAN LORIMER

PETER Wright has been named as the replacement for Alan Watt at loose-head prop in the Scotland team to face France on Saturday. The selectors yesterday ended speculation surrounding the position which has gone on since Sunday when Watt was declared unfit.

They clearly faced a dilemma, having learnt that their first choice, Alan Sharp, was not going to be fit enough to be considered. The nomination of Wright is something of a compromise in a difficult situation.

Wright is normally a tight-head prop but played once on the loose-head side during Scotland's tour of Australia last summer. What will have swayed the management is that Wright was capped twice against Australia and therefore has experience of international rugby.

The other possibilities — Gary Isaac and Grant Wilson, both specialist props — have not had experience of playing at full international level.

Wright, 25, played for Scotland B in 1989 in their win over France B at Melrose and that same year was a member of Scotland's tour to Japan. A serious knee injury threatened a promising career but the Boroughmuir prop made a remarkable recovery to return to top rugby two seasons ago, helping his club win the McEwan's championship.

Gary Isaac, of Gala, comes on to the bench. The Scots will take an additional player — Chris Gray — as a precaution because Andrew Reed, the Bath lock, has a knock. But Bill Hogg, the Scottish rugby union secretary said: "There are no real doubts about Reed".

Robson dismisses managerial move

BRYAN Robson, the Manchester United midfield player, has rejected reports that he will be applying for the vacant manager's job at Sunderland.

"I'm not interested in anything other than trying to help United win the championship this season," Robson said last night. "I came here in the first place to win things and, in terms of cups, I've not done too badly. But it's no secret that I want a league winners' medal."

Robson's decision leaves the way clear for Terry Butcher, the former Coventry City player-manager who is now playing for Sunderland, and Neil Warnock, the former Notts County manager. Malcolm Crosby, who led Sunderland to the FA Cup final last season, was dismissed on Monday.

Eric Cantona, the Manchester United and France forward, has indicated he may leave the club next year.

"If we win the league title and if France qualify for the World Cup, I'd like to stay until the end of next season," he told the French sports daily, *L'Equipe*. "But we must have both results.

"I'm very proud to play with Manchester United. I want to win and to give my contribution but I'm passing by."

The Football Association has yet to decide whether to support Fifa's plan to experiment with a kick-in during the World Under-17 Cup in Japan this summer.

The change, replacing the throw-in, has been widely criticised by league managers and will be discussed at the 107th annual meeting of the international FA board, which meets in St Albans later this month.

England retreat averted 'shambles'

ALAN Smith, the chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), yesterday revealed the deep divisions at Tuesday's meeting of the International Cricket Council (ICC) at which England withdrew their bid to stage the next World Cup (Ivo Tennant writes). It was agreed that India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, the only other contenders, would be the joint holders of the competition in 1995.

Smith said yesterday: "We endured a fractious and unpleasant meeting. It was beset by procedural wrangling and was, by a long way, the worst I have attended. In respect of the two World Cup submissions a secret vote was taken of full members. This resulted 5-4 in England's favour.

"After hours getting nowhere it was clear that under ICC rules there was deadlock. Indeed, there seemed a grave danger of the ICC totally disintegrating. Therefore, in the best and wider interests of the world game, England agreed to withdraw."

England attached conditions to their retreat, however. In future, the World Cup will be allocated on a rotational basis, to prevent — in Smith's words — "such a shambles ever happening again". England will stage the tournament in 1998 and South Africa, probably, in 2001. The ICC decided that the competition will now be held every three years, rather than four.

Another of England's demands was that a chief executive be appointed in July. He is to be David Richards, of the Australian board.

"For us to hold the next World Cup is a happy arrangement which amounts to a lot of confidence in our ability to organise such an important event," Justice Nasim Hasan Shah, president of the Pakistan board of control, said.



Smith: fractious meeting

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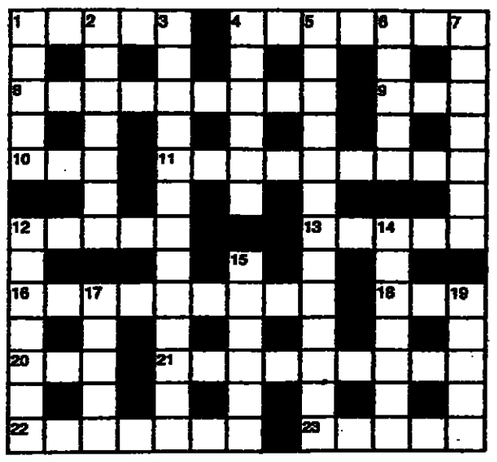
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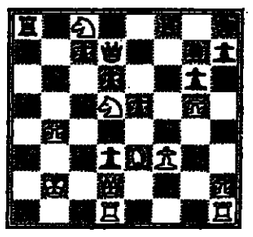
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Games between world champion Kasparov and Candidates finalist Timman have always been fascinating, although the results have been heavily in Kasparov's favour. Today's position is an example. Timman — Kasparov, Linares 1992. Can black do better than recapturing the knight on c8?

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WORD-WATCHING

RAUWOLFIA
a. Ravenous carnivorous hunger
b. A diamond-bearing quartz
c. A tropical shrub

TENEBROSO
a. Another tropical shrub
b. A basso profundo
c. A 17th-century painter

ECHARD
a. A fresh-water fish
b. An Esquire's pennon
c. Useless water in soil

LATIGO
a. Sleeping sickness
b. A horse's belt
c. A Hungarian Romany dialect

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